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ON THE OFFENSIVE

President Barack Obama speaks at Celtic Manor, Newport, Wales. As the president plans a speech on the eve of 9/11 to assess the U.S. stance against the Islamic State militants, U.S. officials say the strategy will largely build on the current air strikes and work with the nascent coalition he began to build in Wales.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Obama to Broaden Efforts Against Islamic State

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Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will go on the offensive against the Islamic State group with a broader counterterror mission than he previously has been willing to embrace, U.S. officials said Monday. The new plan, however, still won't com-

mit U.S. troops to a ground war against the brutal insurgency and will rely heavily for now on allies to pitch in for what could be an extended campaign.

Obama's more aggressive posture — which officials say will target Islamic State militants comprehensively and not just to protect U.S. interests or help resolve humanitarian disasters

— reflects a new direction for a president who campaigned to end the war in Iraq and has generally been deeply reluctant to use U.S. military might since he took office in 2009. "Almost every single county on Earth has a role to play in eliminating the ISIL threat and the evil that it represents," Secretary of State John Kerry told reporters

Monday night, using an acronym for the Islamic State. He said nations around the world are seeking to defeat the militancy with a coalition "built to endure for the months, and perhaps years, to come."

The U.S. has already launched more than 100 airstrikes against militant targets in Iraq, including a new series that the mili-

tary said killed an unusually large number of Islamic State fighters. A Central Command statement Monday said the strikes hit targets near the Haditha Dam, and a spokesman, Maj. Curtis Kellogg, said 50 to 70 fighters were targeted and most were believed to have been killed.

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WHO: Liberia will see thousands of new Ebola cases

JONATHAN LAYLEH SARAH DILORENZO
Associated Press
MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)

— The United States and Britain will send medical equipment and military personnel to help contain West Africa's Ebola outbreak, as the World Health Organization warned Monday that many thousands of new infections are ex-

pected in Liberia in the coming weeks. The current Ebola outbreak is the largest on record. It has spread from Guinea to Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria and Senegal and killed more than 2,000 people. An "exponential increase" in new cases is expected in the hardest-hit countries in coming weeks, the U.N. health agency warned.

"As soon as a new Ebola treatment facility is opened, it immediately fills to overflowing with patients, pointing to a large but previously invisible caseload," WHO said in a statement about the situation in Liberia. "Many thousands of new cases are expected in Liberia over the coming three weeks." So far, more than 3,500

people have been infected, nearly half of them in Liberia. The outbreak has taken a particularly heavy toll on health workers. The World Health Organization announced Monday that one of its doctors working in Sierra Leone has been infected with Ebola. In response to the spiraling disaster, U.S. President Barack Obama said Sun-

day that the military would help to set up isolation units and provide security for public health workers responding to the outbreak. Military personnel will set up a 25-bed field hospital in the Liberian capital, Col. Steven Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, said Monday. The clinic will be used to treat health care workers, a high number of whom have become infected in this outbreak. Once set up, the center will be turned over to the Liberian government. There is no plan to staff it with U.S. military personnel, Warren said. Liberia welcomed the news.

"This is not Liberia's particular fight; it is a fight that the international community must engage very, very seriously and bring all possible resources to bear," said Information Minister Lewis Brown.

In addition, Britain will open a 62-bed treatment center in Sierra Leone in the coming weeks. It will be operated by military engineers and medical staff with help from the charity Save the Children, Britain's Department for International Development said Monday.

The clinic will also include a special section for treating health care workers, offering them high-quality, specialist care, the statement said.

Currently, there are about 570 beds in Ebola treatment centers in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, the hardest-hit countries, and the World Health Organization says nearly 1,000 more are needed, the vast majority of those in Liberia. Doctors Without Borders welcomed both the American and British announcements, but warned even the latest surge in efforts may not be enough, saying the disease was moving "catastrophically" through the population much faster than new facilities are being created. And experts say it's not just beds, but that more international and local health workers that are needed. □



A health worker, right, sprays a man with disinfectant chemicals as he is suspected of dying due to the Ebola virus as people look on in Monrovia, Liberia. WHO warned Monday that many thousands of new infections are expected in Liberia in the coming weeks. (AP Photo/Abbas Dulleh)

UN human rights chief urges action in Syria, Iraq

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GENEVA - Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein began his tenure on Monday as the United Nations human rights chief with a strongly worded statement in which he forcefully condemned Islamic extremism and urged international action to end conflicts in Syria and Iraq. In his first speech to the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva, Zeid, a Jordanian prince who has dispensed with his royal title as incompatible with his new post, identified the conflicts in Syria and Iraq as "the immediate and urgent priority of the international community."

Pledging to be "firm, yet always fair, critical of states

where necessary," Zeid, the first Muslim to be assume the post as the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, delivered a 40-minute statement. He called for the protection of civilians by all parties to "the deplorable conflict" in Ukraine; praised investigations into human rights abuses in North Korea and Sri Lanka; highlighted the "chain of human rights violations" committed by Australia in its treatment of migrants; and voiced concern about the United States' detention of unaccompanied child migrants. Conflict has reduced Syria to "a slaughterhouse," Zeid said, and a state created by the Sunni militant group known as the Islamic State

would be "a harsh, mean-spirited house of blood." The group's brutal actions, like those of Muslim extremists across the Middle East and Africa, he added, offered "only annihilation to Muslims, Christians, Jews and others, altogether the rest of humanity, who believe differently to them." The Israeli-Palestinian conflict provided "another example of the need to end persistent discrimination and impunity," Zeid said, highlighting the "particularly devastating toll in death, suffering and destruction."

Israel has a right to live free and secure from indiscriminate rocket fire, he said, but Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank have a

right to live "without conflict, without a blockade, indeed without the wide range of daily human rights infringements that are generated by military occupation, illegal settlements, excessive use of force, home demolitions, and the wall that continues to be constructed."

Zeid, formerly Jordan's ambassador to the U.N., also addressed the paralysis of world powers in the U.N. Security Council. Their use of vetoes to block actions that would prevent atrocities is "a form of cruelty," especially when they fail to offer alternatives for addressing grievous human suffering, he said. Sing another name for Islamic State. □



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Obama to broaden efforts against Islamic State

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Now, after the beheadings of two American freelance journalists, Obama is considering expanding the airstrikes campaign into Syria, where the Islamic State has a safe haven.

Obama has long avoided taking military action in Syria, concerned about indirectly assisting President Bashar Assad and his government in Damascus. But White House spokesman Josh Earnest suggested Monday that the U.S. could be moving in that direction, saying Obama was willing "to go wherever is necessary to strike those who are threatening Americans."

In Cairo, meanwhile, the 22-nation Arab League agreed to take urgent measures to combat the Islamic State through political, defense, security and legal means.

A resolution outlining the league's intent did not specify how that might happen, and it did not explicitly back American military action against the extremists.

Obama is to describe his plans in a speech on Wednesday.

By that time, Kerry will be headed to Saudi Arabia and Jordan to meet with Mideast leaders and gauge their level of commitment to a growing worldwide coalition that is uniting against the Islamic

State. Kerry said nations from Canada to Estonia to Kuwait to Australia have already contributed a mix of assistance.

In a call Monday evening, Obama congratulated new Iraqi Prime Minister

Iraq's capabilities" to fight the Islamic State militants. But beyond airstrikes, much of the international strategy against the Islamic State covers the same ground as it has for the past several months.

ing them from joining the insurgency, and strengthen Iraqi government forces and moderate Syrian rebels in their respective battles against the Islamic State. Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates

would help cover Iraqi military forces, particularly the Peshmerga forces in the country's Kurdish north, and Western-backed elements of the Syrian opposition, aiming to help them make real gains against the militants.

But Western leaders still appear divided on whether to launch airstrikes in Syria. U.S. officials said Obama is leaning toward doing so as part of an international effort, and British Prime Minister David Cameron last week said he has not ruled them out.

It's likely that the airstrikes, if they occur, would aim to avoid any of Assad's aircraft, landing strips or other assets that are part of Damascus' campaign to attack Sunni rebel groups that include the Islamic State.

Obama is also expected to press congressional lawmakers to approve \$500 million in lethal aid to the Syrian rebels. He proposed the aid earlier this year, but his request has stalled on Capitol Hill.

The U.S. also has pressured Sunni rulers in Qatar to prosecute private financiers in their nations who are believed to be funneling money to the militants.

And the West is pressing Turkey to shut its borders with Syria and Iraq to restrict the travel of Islamic State militants and keep foreign fighters from joining the battle. □



Egyptian bodyguards flank Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Elaraby, second left, upon his arrival at the league's headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. The Arab League says its member states have agreed to combat, either individually or collectively, the Islamic State group and other militants in the region. The resolution, issued Monday after late-night meetings a day earlier, doesn't explicitly back American military action against the group. U.S. President Barack Obama is seeking an international coalition to challenge the Islamic State group and is expected to outline his plan Wednesday.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

Haider al-Abadi for the approval of a new government.

The White House said al-Abadi "expressed his commitment to work with all communities in Iraq as well as regional and international partners to strengthen

Two senior U.S. officials said it will continue to curb foreign fighters and funding flowing to militants, aim to persuade the new government in Baghdad that was seated Monday to give more power to its Sunni citizens in hopes of discourag-

have for months worked to combat the Islamic State either by sharing intelligence, sending humanitarian aid, providing military assistance to rebels, or punishing suspected foreign fighters.

Broadened U.S. airstrikes

Bush and Clinton banter, introduce leadership program

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At a time of heightened partisanship in Washington, it seemed a brief respite to watch former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton sit side by side on stage and gush about each other's leadership and acute decision-making skills.

On Monday, No. 42 and No. 43 introduced a joint program to train young leaders through collaboration of their presidential libraries and those of George H.W. Bush and Lyndon B. Johnson.

"I actually learned a lot watching him over the years," Clinton said of Bush's leadership.

"He's an awesome communicator," Bush said of the man who defeated his father in the 1992 presidential election. "He can really lay out a case and get people all across the political spectrum to listen."

The discussion at the Newseum in Washington stood as a lighthearted reminder of how much can change in politics

after a president leaves office, and how much, in their post-presidencies, Bush and Clinton have come together, even as they embrace very differ-

ent agendas. Bush has lived a comparatively quiet post-presidential life in Texas, with a focus on his paintings. ("I'm trying to leave something behind," he said of his art.) He plugged his upcoming book about his father, which he called a

Chelsea Clinton Foundation and has been a near constant presence on the campaign trail for Democratic candidates in the 2014 midterm elections.



Former Presidents Bill Clinton, left, and George W. Bush, laugh while participating in the Presidential Leadership Scholars Program Launch, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, at The Newseum in Washington. The two are launching a new scholars program at four presidential libraries, aiming to help academics and business leaders learn more about presidential leadership.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

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"love story."

Clinton, meanwhile, has taken on a public role through the Bill, Hillary &

The presidential Leadership Scholars program, which will inaugurate its first class in February, aims

to train students at each of the four presidential libraries, with speakers from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, and the Clinton School of Public Service at the University of Arkansas, among others.

At the start of the talk, the elder Bush appeared in a video to talk about the program. The other two former presidents did not talk about current events; rather, they spoke in broad generalities about the stress of the job, and avoided any discussion of President Barack Obama, the emergence of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, and how the decisions they made in office have impacted the current administration.

Instead, Clinton and Bush focused on what they learned in the White House and how it can inform future leaders. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the former senator and secretary of state who is a potential 2016 presidential candidate, watched from the fourth row of an audience packed with Bush and Clinton White House alumni.

Bill Clinton said that while he did not always agree with Bush's decisions, he "watched the way he thought through things and tried to approach them with clarity and decisiveness, and with great admiration."

He said that throughout his second term, Bush would call his predecessor and they would talk for 30 or 40 minutes. The phone calls, Clinton, said "made me feel good." Both presidents benefited from being underestimated, Clinton said, at one point placing his hand on Bush's knee.

Bush displayed a self-deprecating humor that endeared him to the bipartisan crowd. At one point, Clinton complained about the constant requests to pose for selfies when he goes to a restaurant. Bush interrupted: "At least they're still asking."

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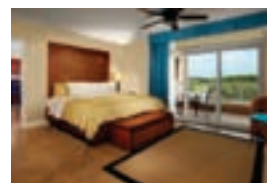
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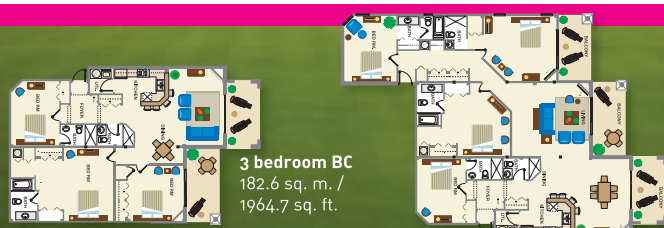
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Hearing over 3 state gay marriage laws underway

PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

A federal court hearing over gay marriage laws in three U.S. states began Monday with a lawyer defending the state of Idaho's ban facing tough questions from a judge on the panel.

There has been an explosion of litigation on gay marriage since a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June 2013 that invalidated the core of the Defense of Marriage Act that defined marriage as only between a man and a woman for determining federal benefits.

The high court stopped short of declaring gay marriage legal nationwide, but many state and

federal court judges have cited the landmark ruling in striking down statewide bans.

Nineteen states and Washington, D.C., now allow gay marriages.

Attorney Monte Neil Stewart, representing Idaho at Monday's hearing, told the three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit of Appeals in San Francisco that same-sex marriage would undermine children's right to be raised by a father and mother.

Same-sex marriage would undercut the message that a man who fathers a child should get in a relationship with the female mother, Stewart said.

"This is a contest between two different messages," he said. "The message of



Tara Newberry, at left, her partner Adele, and their children Evan, bottom left, 4, and Emily wait outside of the U.S. Ninth District Court of Appeals on Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, in San Francisco. The couple are Nevada residents and married in California in 2008. They are seeking legal recognition of their marriage from the state of Nevada. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

man-woman marriage is: 'Men, you are important in the upbringing of the children you bring into this world. Women, you are

important in the upbringing of children you bring into this world.' Genderless marriage does not send that message."

Judge Marsha Berzon questioned how gay marriage differed from the current model of marriage, which she called "genderless." Berzon said that with gay marriages occurring, "the train has already left the station."

Deborah Ferguson, an attorney representing gay marriage supporters opposed to Idaho's ban, said children of same-sex couples don't have the same protections as children of heterosexual couples.

"(They) don't have two legal parents to protect them," she said. "That is sending a powerful message. That tells those children that their parents' marriages aren't worthy of respect. That's a very harsh message."

The court was next expected to hear arguments next over Nevada and Hawaii's bans. State lawmakers in Hawaii legalized same-sex marriage in December, but attorneys representing the Hawaii Family Forum, which opposes gay marriage, are asking the court to keep alive the forum's legal case.

US: 'Worst is over for now' on border

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The Obama administration renewed its plea Monday for Congress to provide additional money to deal with the unaccompanied migrant children at the U.S. border with Mexico, even as Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson declared that "the worst is over for now."

The request seemed likely to fall on deaf ears as neither party showed an appetite to revive an issue that's faded from the spotlight as arrivals at the border have dropped dramatically.

Johnson said in a statement that without \$1.2 billion in additional funding for 2015, he will be forced to take money from other accounts, such as \$405 million moved earlier this summer from the disaster relief fund. "This reprogramming is not

sustainable, and leaves the nation vulnerable to unacceptable homeland security risks," Johnson said.

"Though the worst is over for now, there are still bills to be paid and our border security efforts must be sustained to prevent another spike like we saw this year," he said.

A spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, a Republican, said that the House had already dealt with the issue by agreeing to a smaller sum prior to Congress' five-week summer recess, which ended Monday. "Now, it is up to Senate Democrats to act," said spokesman Michael Steel.

The House Republican bill included policies opposed by Senate Democrats to return migrant kids back home more quickly without hearings, so no deal was ever reached on President

Barack Obama's \$3.7 billion request for the border, and no final bill passed.

But now that arrivals of Central American children have dropped, lawmakers can avoid addressing the contentious issue with No-

vember elections around the corner. Aides in both parties say the issue is on the back burner and looks likely to stay there for the couple weeks Congress is in session ahead of the election.



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Treasury to limit profitability of overseas shifts

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said Monday the Obama administration will decide “in the very near future” what actions it can take to make it less profitable for U.S. companies to shift their legal addresses to other countries.

A growing number of U.S. companies are shifting their addresses abroad in an effort to reduce their U.S. taxes. The maneuver is known as a corporate inversion. In a speech Monday, Lew said these companies are eroding the U.S. tax base and shifting the burden of funding the government to other taxpayers. He said the best way to address the issue is for Congress to overhaul the U.S. tax code making it more attractive for companies to stay in the U.S.

With tax reform facing an uncertain future in Congress, Lew pressed lawmakers to pass legislation making it harder for U.S. companies to pull off corporate inversions.

“Still, the administration is clear-eyed about the possibility that Congress may not move as quickly as necessary to respond to the growing wave of inversions,” Lew said in a speech at the Urban Institute. “Given that, the Treasury Department is completing an evaluation of what we can do to make these deals less economically appealing, and we plan to make a decision in the very near future.”

Lew did not provide a specific timetable for Treasury to act, and he did not take questions at the forum, which was hosted by the Tax Policy Center, a research group.

An inversion happens when

a U.S. corporation and a foreign company merge, with the new parent company based in the foreign country. For tax purposes, the U.S. company becomes foreign-owned, even if all the executives and opera-

chain. Burger King executives insist they are not trying to escape U.S. taxes. But some members Congress are skeptical, mainly because the corporate headquarters of the new parent company will be in

U.S. firm, which must pay it back. The U.S. firm then deducts the interest payments it makes to the parent company, reducing its taxable profits — “stripping” them from its balance sheet. Some tax experts say Trea-



Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew speaks in the Cash Room of the Treasury Department in Washington. The Obama administration will decide “in the very near future” what actions it can take to make it less profitable for U.S. companies to shift their legal addresses to other countries, Lew said Monday.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

tions stay in the U.S.

About 50 U.S. companies have carried out inversions in the past decade, and more are considering it, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service.

The recent wave of inversions has been dominated by health care companies, including drugmaker AbbVie, which has announced plans to merge with a drug company incorporated in Britain.

In August, Burger King announced that it will acquire Tim Hortons, the Canadian coffee-and-doughnut

Canada.

Several Democrats in Congress have announced bills to make it harder for U.S. corporations to carry out inversions, and President Barack Obama included provisions in his 2015 budget request to limit inversions.

Inverted corporations must still pay U.S. taxes on the profits they earn in the U.S. However, they can lower their U.S. tax bills through a maneuver called “earnings stripping.”

Here is how it works: The new foreign parent company “lends” money to the

sury could make inversions less profitable by limiting the practice of earnings stripping.

“When the patient is bleeding and the artery is open, put on a tourniquet,” said Stephen Shay, a former Treasury official who is now a professor at Harvard Law School.

“Is the U.S. tax system falling apart because of inversions? No. But the corporate tax base is risking an irreversible decrease.”

Other experts are skeptical that Treasury can effectively address the issue without action by Congress.

U.S. consumer borrowing up by most in 3 years

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumers stepped up their borrowing in July, led by rising auto loans and higher credit card balances.

The Federal Reserve said Monday that overall consumer borrowing jumped \$26 billion in July to \$3.24 trillion. The 9.7 percent increase matches April's gain as the largest in three years.

The figures add to a mixed picture for consumers in recent weeks. A healthy increase in credit usually indicates that consumers are shedding some caution about spending, which would boost economic growth. Rising debt loads are generally a sign of greater confidence in the economy.

But other data hasn't been as positive. Overall spending fell in July for the first time since January, the government said last month. And consumer confidence, as measured by the University of Michigan, has barely budged in the past year.

Auto and student loans jumped 10.6 percent to \$2.36 trillion, fueled by strong auto sales. Americans have reined in their credit card spending since the Great Recession and household finances have generally improved. But student and auto loans have skyrocketed, intensifying concerns that they are creating new challenges for consumers. Young Americans saddled with student debt may not be able to buy homes or spend on other items the way previous generations did.



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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The corporate executives who decide whether U.S. workers get meaningful raises have looked at the broader

share prefer part-time employees. Nearly half would rather invest in new technology than hire or retain workers.

At the same time, it's becoming harder for the ex-

officially ended more than five years ago, many of the gains in employment, income and wealth have failed to circulate through the entire economy.

Few workers have received

ment rate — the U.S. rate has dropped steadily to 6.1 percent — tends to spur competition among employers for workers and leads them to raise wages and salaries.

The survey found that many companies are reluctant to add jobs if other alternatives exist. Only 25 percent said they preferred investing in employees, compared with 46 percent who would rather spend on technology. Forty-nine percent favored outsourcing work over hiring.

The companies have become more dependent on part-timers in the past three years and say it's harder to fill skilled positions.

The survey report notes that companies could invest more in education to improve workers' skills. Companies tend to donate to schools for computers, backpacks and scholarships, rather than programs that might better prepare students for careers. Only 27 percent of respondents said their companies have partnerships with community colleges.

The survey drew on responses from 1,947 Harvard Business School graduates, ranging in age from 26 to 98. Among the respondents who are working, 40 percent said they had a title of chief executive or its equivalent.



Employment seekers and recruiters meet during a job fair in Philadelphia. U.S. workers face a dim future, with stagnant or falling pay and fewer openings for full-time jobs, according to a survey of Harvard Business School alumni.

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economy and have a message: Don't expect a pay increase anytime soon.

And if you're counting on a full-time job offer in the future, your prospects may be dimming.

That's the future that many U.S. executives envision.

A survey of Harvard Business School alumni released Monday reveals a series of trends that are widening income disparities and may be weakening the ability of the U.S. economy to grow in the long term.

More than 40 percent of the respondents foresee lower pay and benefits for workers. Roughly half favor outsourcing work over hiring staffers. A growing

executives to find skilled workers, according to the survey results.

Jan Rivkin, one of the survey's lead authors, suggested that a failure by companies to develop a skilled workforce could ultimately hurt those companies and the competitiveness of the U.S. economy.

"The bleak picture facing middle and working class Americans are the canary in our coal mine," said Rivkin, a Harvard business professor. "Eventually, that will come back to haunt business."

The survey reflects the unevenness of the recovery from the Great Recession. Since the recession of-

meaningful pay raises. Median household incomes, adjusted for inflation, are below their pre-recession levels, according to estimates by Sentier Research. The median income was \$54,045 in July, about 4.6 percent lower than when the recession began in late 2007.

The survey suggests that incomes aren't likely to increase much anytime soon. Forty-one percent of respondents see lower wages and benefits ahead; just 27 percent expect pay raises.

The survey's responses run counter to some traditional economic models. Historically, a falling unemploy-



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FILE - In this July 25, 2006, file photo, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Guterrez, right, leaves with a lunch bag as Chick-fil-A founder S. Truett Cathy, left, walks him out after a meeting with Georgia business leaders to discuss immigration reform at Chick-fil-A in Atlanta. A spokesman said Cathy, who started a postwar diner in Atlanta that grew into the Chick-fil-A restaurant chain, died early Monday, Sept. 8, 2014.

(AP Photo/John Amis)

Chick-fil-A founder S. T. Cathy has died

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Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Chick-fil-A founder S. Truett Cathy died early Monday at 93. The billionaire rose from poverty by building a privately held restaurant chain that famously closes every Sunday but drew unwanted attention for the Cathy family's opposition to gay marriage. Chick-fil-A spokesman Mark Baldwin told The Associated Press that Cathy died at home surrounded by members of his family. Cathy opened his first postwar diner in an Atlanta suburb in 1946 and by 1967 he had founded and opened his first Chick-fil-A Inc. restaurant in Atlanta. Over ensuing decades, the chain's boneless chicken sandwich

he is credited with inventing would propel Chick-fil-A expansion to more than 1,800 outlets in 39 states and the nation's capital. By early 2013, the company says on its website, annual sales topped \$5 billion as the chain offered up a taste of the South that went beyond chicken to such offerings as sweet tea, biscuits and gravy. Under the religiously conservative founder, the chain gained prominence for its Bible Belt observance of Sunday — none of its hundreds of restaurants are open on that day, to allow employees a day of rest. Its executives often said the chain made as much money in six days as its competitors do in seven. Those religious views

helped win Cathy and his family a loyal following from conservative customers, but also invited protests when Cathy's son defended the company's donations to groups campaigning against gay marriage. Cathy's son, Dan, who is currently chairman and president of the chain, had told the Baptist Press in 2012 that the company was "guilty as charged" for backing "the biblical definition of a family." Gay rights groups and others called for boycotts and kiss-ins at Cathy's restaurants. The Jim Henson Co. pulled its Muppet toys from kids' meals, while politicians in Boston and Chicago told the chain it is not welcome there.

Harvard's health school gets record \$350M gift

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Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Harvard University announced Monday that its school of public health has received a record \$350 million donation to support students and bolster research into major global health threats. The gift, the largest single donation in the history of the university, came from a philanthropic foundation established by the family of T.H. Chan, a Hong Kong real estate developer who died in 1986. Harvard President Drew Faust called the donation "transformative" and said it will help tackle the "most urgent and intractable challenges" in the area of public health. In a rarity for the university, the Harvard School of Public Health will be renamed the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. The only other school within the university to be named for an individual in modern times is the Harvard Kennedy School, named for John F. Kennedy. Harvard officials said the \$350 million gift from The Morningside Foundation is unrestricted and will be managed by the Harvard Corporation as part of the university's overall endowment. It will be targeted to help students and faculty working to stop pandemics such as Ebola and malaria, cancer and obesity and to address global health threats stemming from war, poverty, environmental hazards and failing health care systems. "We can apply it to the priorities of the moment and those priorities that are likely to evolve because public health is a very dynamic field," said Julio Frenk, the school's dean. A researcher is already involved in trying to trace the origin of the current Ebola outbreak in western Africa, he said, while another is examining how mobile technology can be used to track Ebola patients. Proceeds from the gift will also be used to expand student financial aid and provide loan forgiveness to graduates who decide to work in underserved U.S. communities or poor countries. The oldest continuously operating school of public health in the world, it celebrated its centennial anniversary last year. Chan was born and raised in northern China before moving to Hong Kong in the 1940s, according to his son, Dr. Gerald Chan, who attended Monday's announcement with his mother and other family members. "I think he would have been very pleased ... that the school would be part of his legacy," Chan said in an earlier interview. He described his father as a staunch supporter of education who often helped family friends pay for schooling or study abroad.

Hundreds dead in flooding in India and Pakistan

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NEW DELHI -Relief operations continued Monday in the Indian-administered part of Kashmir and in parts of Pakistan where six days of rain and flooding have left hundreds of people dead, with the death toll likely to rise further.

On the Pakistan side of the border, Ahmed Kamal, a spokesman for the Nation-

al Disaster Management Authority said that 194 people had been killed - 63 in the Pakistan-administered part of Kashmir and 131 in Punjab province.

In the Indian-administered part of Kashmir, more than 150 people have been killed by the floods, with 140 dead in the Jammu region, according to the office of the divisional commissioner there, and at least 11 in the Kashmir

Valley. The death toll is expected to rise, as parts of the Kashmir Valley were inundated and nearly inaccessible.

Water levels rose to 15 to 18 feet in parts of Srinagar, the summer capital of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, on Sunday evening, when the Jhelum River breached its banks at several sites in the city, according to a statement from the Indian army Mon-

day.

"For the next 48 hours our focus will remain on Srinagar and areas of south Kashmir because there are still a very large number of people stranded without food and water, and our idea is to pull them as quickly as possible," Lt. Gen. D.S. Hooda, chief of the Indian army's Northern Command, said at a news conference Monday afternoon.

Shakeela Rahman, 34, has spent the past few nights sleeping on a divider on a road that connects Bemina, where she lives, to Srinagar. She fled her home with her two small children early Friday morning, after water started flowing into houses there.

"We have not eaten anything, my kids are starving, and our house is completely submerged under water," Rahman said. □

Iraqi parliament approves partial new Cabinet

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Associated Press**

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's parliament officially named Haider al-Abadi the country's new prime minister late Monday and approved most of his proposed Cabinet amid calls by the Arab League for its members to combat the Sunni militant group violently advancing across Iraq and Syria.

Lawmakers approved all of the candidates proposed for Iraq's new government, with the exception of a few posts, namely the defense and interior ministers. Al-Abadi requested an additional week to name them. Outgoing Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and former Speaker of Parliament Osama al-Nujeifi were given the largely ceremonial posts of co-vice president. Kurdish politician and former Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari was named as one of three deputy

prime ministers.

The U.S. and other countries have been pushing for a more representative government that will ease anger among Sunnis, who felt marginalized by al-Maliki's administration, helping fuel the dramatic sweep by the Islamic State extremist group over much of northern and western Iraq since June.

Speaking before parliament, Al-Abadi vowed to "back the military operations in all the areas of confrontation against the armed gangs and the forces of terrorism and ensuring their continuation till victory is achieved."

The proposed resolution by the Arab League does not explicitly back an expanded American military operation targeting the group. It leaves room, however, for it to work with whatever approach U.S. President Barack Obama lays out during his planned speech Wednesday on the eve of the 13th anniversary



The new Iraqi government is seen during a swearing in ceremony in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. Iraq's parliament officially named Haider al-Abadi the country's new prime minister late Monday and approved most of the candidates put forward for his Cabinet amid mounting pressure to form an inclusive government that can collectively cap the advance of Sunni militants. (AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

That could give Obama enough leeway to gather support from Arab countries already divided over the Syrian civil war.

"There will be no signing on a white paper," said Mustafa Alani, the director of the security and defense department at the Gulf Research Center in Geneva. Arabs are looking for

"equal efforts in changing the situation in Syria. Without it, it is a lost war."

Obama was to brief congressional leaders Tuesday ahead of his televised address. □

Afghan candidate vows again to reject vote results

ROD NORDLAND

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KABUL, Afghanistan - The presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah once more brought Afghanistan's troubled electoral process to the brink Monday, insisting he had won the disputed vote and vowing to reject any government formed on the basis of it.

An audit of 100 percent of the ballots cast in the June runoff election is expected

to conclude this week, and nearly all observers expect Abdullah's opponent, Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, to be declared the winner.

Abdullah's supporters have been suggesting that he form a parallel government, which Western diplomats have worried could lead to disorder or even civil war. But Abdullah made no mention of a parallel government in a speech to his top officials, running mates and supporters, or at a news

conference afterward, and did not ask his supporters to take to the streets to protest the results.

Nor did he explicitly repudiate his signature on an agreement, brokered by Secretary of State John Kerry during a visit in August, to accept the results of the audit and cooperate in forming a national unity government, which would give key positions to the losing side as well.

"I will not accept fraud and

any result from fraudulent votes," Abdullah said. "Not even for a single day will we accept a government based on fraudulent votes." But Abdullah, a former foreign minister who was the runner-up to President Hamid Karzai in the 2009 presidential election, did not say what steps he will take if Ahmadzai is declared the winner. And although he said talks over forming a national unity government were deadlocked, he did

not rule out resuming them. On Saturday, President Barack Obama telephoned both candidates, urging them to resolve their differences.

"The president emphasized the importance of concluding a deal on the national unity government as soon as possible in the interest of shoring up international support for Afghanistan and preserving Afghan stability," a White House news release said. □

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Ukraine's Poroshenko rallies for unity in key city

**PETER LEONARD
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Associated Press
MARIUPOL, Ukraine (AP)**

— Seeking to rally national unity, President Petro Poroshenko visited a south-

eastern port Monday that has been assaulted for days by Russian-backed separatists and declared the city would remain a part of Ukraine.

After a series of military de-

feats to increasingly confident rebel forces in the country's eastern regions, Ukraine signed a cease-fire deal Friday that has been widely viewed at home as an act of capitulation.

Much of the region has remained calm as the truce appeared to be holding, although sporadic unrest was reported.

"We will do everything to ensure there is peace, but we will also brace ourselves for the defense our country," Poroshenko told metal workers at a plant that was within the range of the rebels' rockets.

Also Monday, the Kremlin said Poroshenko and Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke by telephone and "continued to discuss steps helping peaceful settlement in southeastern Ukraine."

The two leaders had also talked Saturday about implementing the cease-fire plan in the conflict that has lasted nearly five months and killed at least 3,000, according to a U.N. estimate. The fighting has also forced hundreds of thousands to flee their homes.

"The dialogue will continue," the Kremlin said without elaborating.

Also Monday, the European Council formally adopted a package of further sanctions against Russia but delayed enforcement to see if the cease-fire holds.

Council President Herman Van Rompuy said the sanctions will be implemented in the next few days, which would leave time for "an assessment of the implementation of the cease-fire agreement and the peace plan."

The European Union sanctions are expected to be coordinated with a new round of U.S. sanctions, a Western diplomat said. The U.S. sanctions are ready for release, the diplomat said, but the Obama administration wants to wait to act in concert with Europe to maximize the impact of the sanctions and present a united front against Russia. The diplomat was not authorized to discuss the details of the sanctions before they were formally announced and insisted on anonymity. Poroshenko's trip to Mariupol came days after it came under sustained shelling from rebels stationed along the 70-kilometer (40-mile) stretch between the strategic port on the Sea of Azov and the Russian border.

"This city was, is, and will be Ukrainian!" he told the crowd under the gaze of a tight security detail.

The agreement reached in Minsk, the capital of Belarus, called for an immediate halt to fighting and an exchange of prisoners. It also called for the central government to give a greater degree of autonomy to the separatist Russian-speaking regions of Donetsk and Luhansk, although details remained vague. □



Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, left, greets workers at the Ilich Iron and Steel Works in Mariupol, Ukraine, Sept. 8, 2014. With a fragile truce barely holding in eastern Ukraine, Poroshenko visited the port city on Monday, not far from where Ukrainian forces suffered severe losses in recent days, and declared that his government would never relinquish territory that some separatists claim historically belongs to Russia. (Mykola Lazarenko/The New York Times)

EU formally adopts new sanctions against Russia

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BRUSSELS (AP)**

— The European Council on Monday formally adopted a package of further sanctions against Russia over its actions in eastern Ukraine, but is delaying the enforcement to assess the implementation of the cease-fire agreement first.

The sanctions will be implemented "in the next few days," the President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy said in a statement.

He said the delay of the execution of the sanctions would leave time for "an assessment of the imple-

mentation of the cease-fire agreement and the peace plan."

"Depending on the situation on the ground, the EU stands ready to review the agreed sanctions in whole or in part," Van Rompuy said.

Ukraine, Russia and the Kremlin-backed separatists agreed Friday to an immediate cease-fire and an exchange of prisoners. While the truce appeared to hold on Monday, the agreement appeared fragile over the weekend when occasional fighting occurred.

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sanctions, a Western diplomat said. The U.S. sanctions are ready for release, the diplomat said, but the Obama administration wants to wait to act in concert with Europe in order to maximize the impact of the sanctions and present a united front against Russia. President Barack Obama and some European leaders have said that given their skepticism about the cease-fire, it was imperative to press forward with sanctions now. But they have said the penalties could be lifted if tensions between Ukraine and Russia ease.

The new round of Western

sanctions are expected to deepen earlier penalties targeting Russia's energy and arms sectors. The penalties are also expected to tighten access to international loans, with the current ban on credits and loans of more than 90 days reduced to 30 days.

More individuals, including Russian government officials and people close to Russian President Vladimir Putin, are also expected to be sanctioned, according to the diplomat, who insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the details of the sanctions before they were formally announced. □

Pound sinks as Scottish independence race tightens

JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain's main political leaders scrambled Monday to offer Scotland greater autonomy in a last-minute bid to stave off independence, as the pound sank on opinion polls suggesting separatists

ed constitutional and economic waters.

Many British politicians and business leaders have long considered that outcome unlikely, and for months polls have put the anti-independence side ahead. But the gap has narrowed ahead of the Sept. 18 vote

who have signed up for the panel and are paid to participate — is not trusted by all poll-watchers, and other surveys gave the advantage to the No side. But the sense that the race is too close to call rattled independence opponents, and energized supporters.

people are concluding the best way to protect the health service, create jobs and ensure we never get Tory governments we don't vote for is to vote Yes."

The leader of the anti-independence "Better Together" campaign denied his forces were panicking.

"I'm very confident we will win the day," said Alistair Darling, a former British Treasury chief.

But the sudden move to offer greater powers to Scotland suggests the No campaign is far from confident. Scotland joined England and Wales to make Great Britain in 1707. Now with a population of 5.3 million — one-tenth of England's — Scotland already has considerable autonomy, with its own parliament and separate legal and educational systems.

Britain's Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat parties — all of whom oppose independence — are preparing to offer Scotland even more financial independence, including greater tax-raising powers, in a bid to avert a Yes vote. Many Scots favor that op-

tion — known as maximum devolution, or "devo max" — but it is not on the referendum ballot, which asks whether Scotland should become an independent country.

Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown was expected to lay out some of the proposals later Monday, arguing that "the status quo is not now on the ballot paper." He planned to say that Scots faced a choice "between a stronger Scottish Parliament and an irreversible no-going-back separatism," the Labour Party said.

Supporters of independence accuse the No side of running a negative campaign that overstates the risks of independence.

The "Yes Scotland" campaign argues that an independent Scotland would be a prosperous country whose oil revenue would underpin a cozy social safety net. The approach has won over many Scots opposed to the budget-slashing policies of Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron's London government.



Vote Yes, and No, supporters exchange views with each other at the Grassmarket in Edinburgh during a tour by a politician ahead of the Scottish Independence referendum, Monday Sept. 8, 2014. The Member of Parliament is visiting 100 streets in 100 days making his case for a No vote in the referendum which takes place on September 18.

(AP Photo/PA, Andrew Milligan)

are gaining ground — and may even be in the lead.

A Yes vote in next week's referendum would end Scotland's 307-year-old union with England and plunge Britain into unchart-

and one survey released Sunday by pollster YouGov showed the two sides nearly even.

YouGov's methodology — which samples from a pool of online respondents

"I don't think there's any doubt at all the momentum is with the Yes campaign," said Scotland's pro-independence Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

"Increasing numbers of

Bomb explodes in Chile subway; 7 hurt

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Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — A bomb exploded in a Chilean subway station on Monday, injuring at least seven people, the most damaging in a string of bombs planted around the country's capital this year. Fire Department Commander Ivo Zuvic Garcia said the injuries apparently were caused by fragments in a fire extinguisher placed in a trash bin in front of a food stall at the Escuela Militar subway stop.

Among those hurt in the 2 p.m. (1700 GMT) blast was a cleaning woman

who lost a finger, said Dr. Fernando Zapata of the government's emergency medical service. He said nine were hurt, but other officials put the figure at seven.

Anti-riot police, firefighters and bomb squad officers swarmed across the station, which was closed briefly after the blast.

At least 28 bombs have been found across Santiago so far this year — most planted late at night — though some have not exploded and none of the others caused any injuries. In many cases, anarchist groups have claimed re-

sponsibility, demanding freedom for two anarchists imprisoned in Spain. No one had claimed responsibility for Monday's attack.

Government spokesman Alvaro Elizalde said the bombing "has all the characteristics if a terrorist act that has been carried out to cause harm to innocent persons," and he said the government would invoke an anti-terror enacted during the dictatorship of the 1973-90 dictatorship. It allows lengthy periods of pre-trial detention, longer sentences, interception of communications and masked witnesses.

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Hunt for scientific treasure in Hemingway journals

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COJIMAR, Cuba (AP) — A dozen tiny, aging fishing boats bobbed in the wake of the massive, gleaming white sport-fishing yacht taking Ernest Hemingway's grandsons to the village that inspired the Nobel laureate's greatest work. Fishermen waved to the Hemingways and hundreds waited on shore Monday to greet the descendants of a man who fished from Cojimar for decades, hauling in marlin, sharks and tuna from the warm waters off the Cuban coast.

"He was a fisherman," grandson Patrick Hemingway said, looking at the men gathered to greet him. "He considered them his brothers."

Along with a team of U.S. researchers, Hemingway and his brother John are on a five-day mission to leverage their famous name to encourage closer ties between the United States and Cuba and, hopefully, open the way for scientists to gain access to the writer's fishing logs, a long-

concealed and potentially valuable source of knowledge about the area's massive predatory game fish.

Researchers gathered little information about the

desired big species in the second half of the last century. That leaves sport fishermen's records as some of the only resources for marine scientists seeking a benchmark to measure

of San Francisco de Paula on the southeast edge of Havana. From Cojimar, he often launched his boat, the Pilar, with first mate Gregorio Fuentes, who helped inspire the aging fisherman

men in the Florida Straits, Hemingway may inadvertently have created an unparalleled scientific resource as he prowled some of the world's richest fishing grounds.

Hemingway assembled thousands of books, photographs and journals, many of which deteriorated over decades of exposure to Cuba's baking heat and high humidity, and the longstanding neglect of the estate known as Finca Vigia. The logs are now kept by Cuba's National Cultural Heritage Council which, in order to protect the fragile documents, only allows conservators to handle them.

Fishing logs typically contain details of the numbers of fish caught, the location of the catch and weight of the fish. Hemingway's obsessive record-keeping, combined with the thousands of hours he spent on the water, have researchers hoping his logs could provide essential details about deep-sea fish populations over the last 75 years in the Straits.

"Hemingway was there in Cuba for 20 years. If he did keep log books for that long, having 20 years — even if it is only for a single vessel — would be very valuable," said Dr. David Die a U.S.-based fishery scientist. "It would be a record of relative changes in the size and the abundance of fish over a period where we do not have any other records. It's exactly the type of information that we use nowadays when we assess populations of fish in the ocean." The U.S.-based Finca Vigia foundation is working with the Cuban council to preserve the house and Hemingway's many documents. Mary Jo Adams, executive director of the Boston-based foundation, said she has seen some pages of Hemingway's fishing logs, which list everything from what Hemingway and his guests ate for lunch on a certain day to how many fish they caught and the timing of the tides. □



People wait for the arrival of Ernest Hemingway's grandsons in Cojimar, Cuba, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014. Fishermen waved to the Hemingways and hundreds waited on shore Monday to greet the descendants of a man who fished from Cojimar for decades, hauling in marlin, sharks and tuna from the warm waters off the Cuban coast. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

health of deep-sea fish populations in the years before industrial fishing devastated populations of tuna and other highly

population declines.

Ernest Hemingway lived in Cuba from 1939 to 1960 in a villa on lush, orchard-filled grounds in the village

who battles a giant marlin in the Pulitzer-winning "Old Man and the Sea."

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Haiti seeks teacher permits amid education reform

DANICA COTO

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haitian children lined up in immaculate uniforms for a new school year on Monday, as the country's government promised to make sure they get a better chance to learn.

The Caribbean nation's education department is starting to require all teachers to pass a test and become certified if they want to remain in the classroom, one of several efforts to improve education in a country with dire rates of illiteracy and drop outs.

Education Minister Nesmy Manigat told The Associated Press that all teachers will be issued a two-year provisional permit, giving them time to study and take the test. Those who fail after two years won't be allowed to teach.

"The government wants a new generation of teachers," Manigat said. "It is quite obvious that one of the biggest problems Haiti's education sector faces is the availability of well-trained school teachers."

Children in new uniforms filed into schools across the capital Monday, with a festive air in some places. At one school, schoolgirls sported scarlet ribbons in their hair for the first day's flag ceremony.

Manigat said the government will pay for training teachers and for the test, which will give the government a better idea of just how many teachers there are in the country and where they are located, as well as their level of competence.

Until now, teachers have not been required to have teaching degrees or certifications.

Josue Merilien, who represents the national teachers

union in Haiti, said his membership supports the new initiative, which he says will ensure educators have the qualifications they need. "I'm glad the government is taking a measure of control," he said in an interview at his office.

The Education Ministry also aims to crack down on hundreds of non-certified vocational schools and junior colleges and legislators plan to debate a bill that would shut them down if they don't comply with the law.

"There's absolute disorganization at the higher education level," Manigat said.

The measures are a good beginning, but it's too early to know if they'll have any effect, said Colleen Toussaint, 44, as she bought books at the chaotic outdoor market in downtown Port-au-Prince for her son, who's entering seventh grade.

"Most of the time the teachers don't have enough capacity or enough training to teach the kids," she said. "As parents, we have to teach the kids ourselves. The schools don't provide enough education."

Haiti's education system has suffered for decades due to poverty, political instability and the devastating 2010 earthquake. An estimated 30 percent of young people are illiterate, and only about half of all children can afford to attend primary school, according to UNICEF, the U.N.'s children's agency. Fewer than a quarter go to secondary school.

The education ministry recently announced that it has invested some \$13 million in books and school supplies for this year — though many students still must pay for all or part of their textbooks — and also launched a school meal system that will help 800,000 children. □



Queen of freestyle, Sarah-Quita Offringa Rocks Warsaw!

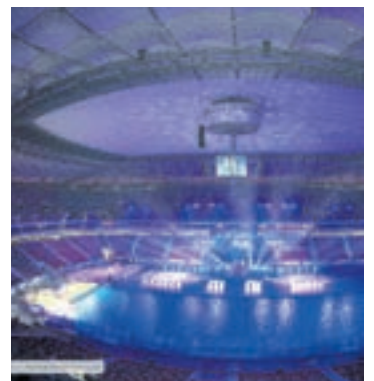
- Poland's National Stadium explodes into life as the winners in slalom, freestyle and jump are crowned at the Warsaw 2014 PWA Indoor windsurfing event.

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- The 2014 PWA indoor windsurfing event is bigger and better than ever.

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The National Stadium is situated just under ten miles away from Warsaw Fredrick Chopin Airport and



boasts a seating capacity of 58,000, as well as a state-of-the-art retractable roof. To transform the National Stadium into

a windsurfers playground a gigantic pool was installed, spanning 90 meters in length and 33 meters in width. Accompanied alongside the pool were 34 enormous fans - the most ever used at an indoor event - capable of generating winds of up to 70 km/h - or almost 38 knots - which powered sailors into warp speed racing, radical jumping and explosive freestyle and produced a spectacular show as indoor windsurfing took off with a bang!

The question many people were asking Saturday night was whether the queen of freestyle could be defeated in the pool? Each lady was given three attempts on each tack to land their biggest moves in order to impress both the crowds and the judges to earn 28 points out of a possible 30. As it turned out Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Mystic) was as cool, calm and calculated as ever as she wowed the crowds to be crowned the champion, after stomping a stylish one-handed Spock and a super quick Double Flaka earning her 27,5 points!



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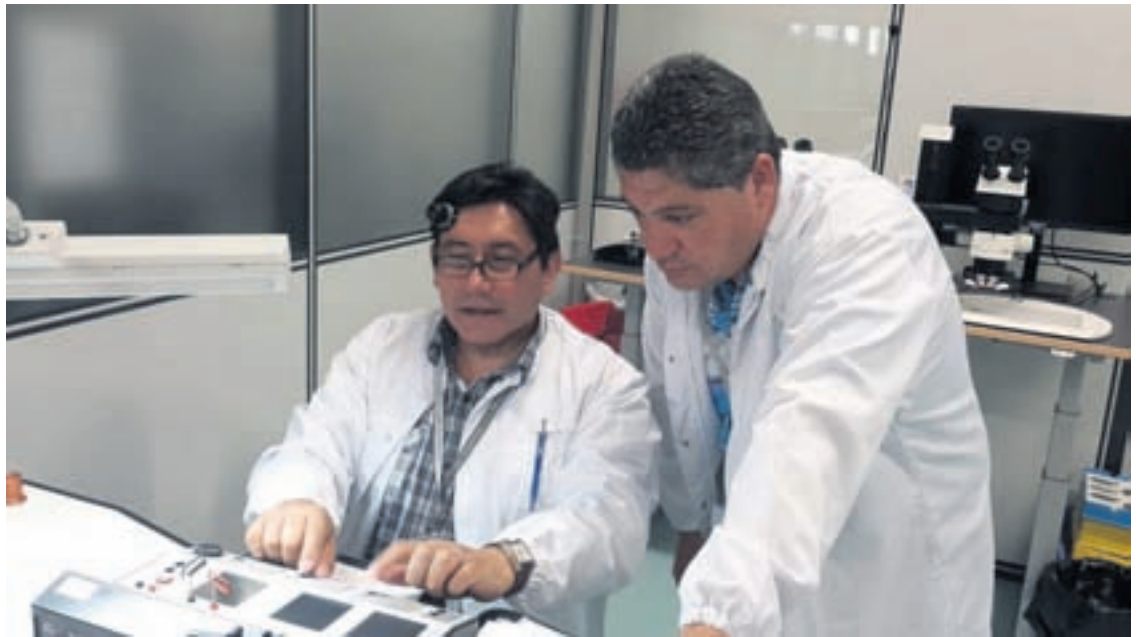
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PALM BEACH - Leanna and Randy from Massachusetts, USA, are sad: they discovered their favorite restaurant on the island on the evening before they had to fly home again. The 21-year olds found out about Fishes and More Restaurant when the concierge at their hotel recommended it. When they tasted their first cocktails, they were in heaven; the pork schnitzel did wonders as well, by the way. Leanna and Randy are no newcomers to the island: this was their second visit already. We are sure they will be back and heading straight to Fishes and More in the Arawak Garden on the hi-rise strip!





In this Feb. 3, 2013, file photo, Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice (27) jumps over offensive lineman Kelcei Osemele (72) during the first half of the NFL Super Bowl XLVII football game against the San Francisco 49ers in New Orleans.

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Ravens cut RB Ray Rice

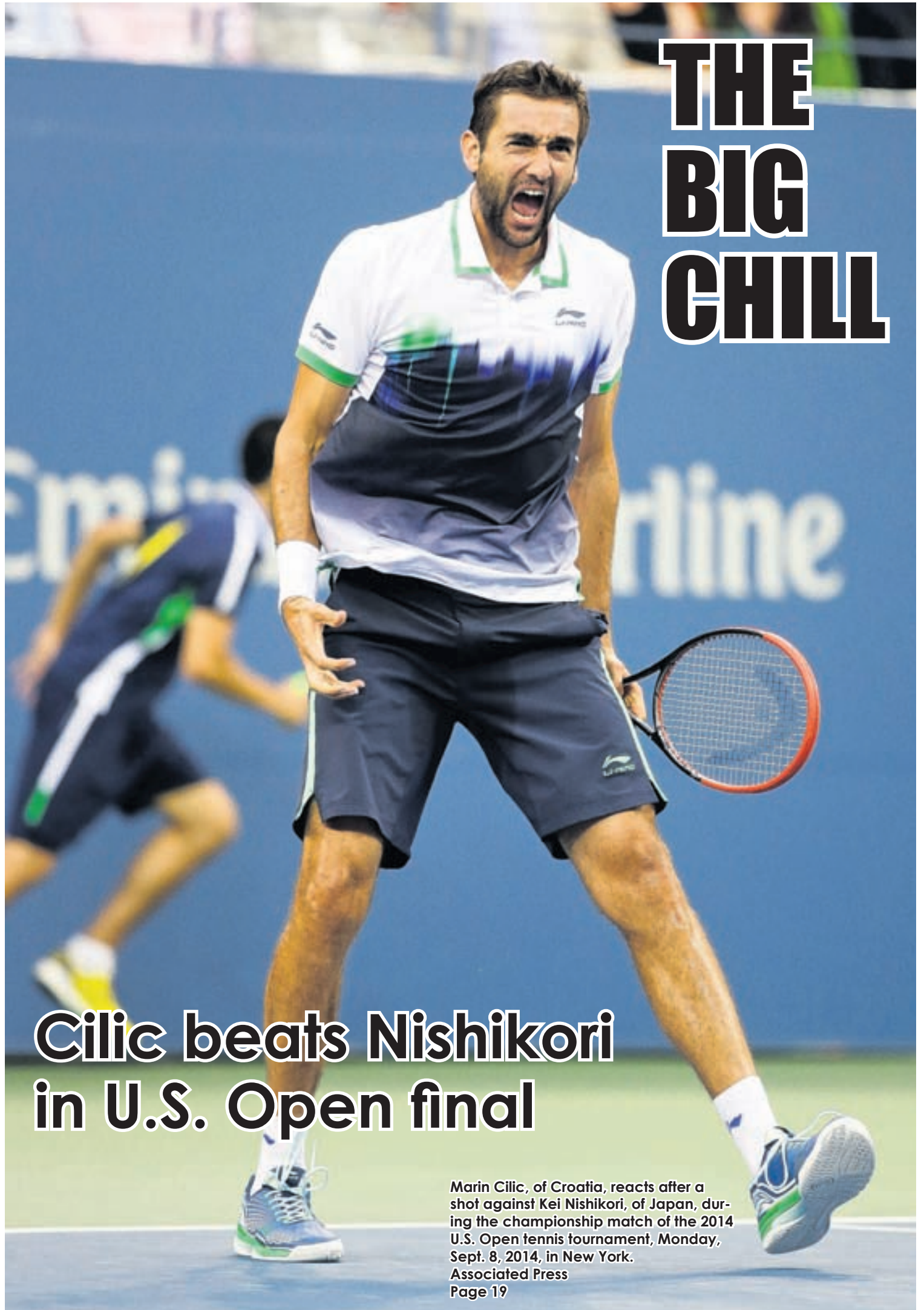
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AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ray Rice was let go by the Baltimore Ravens on Monday and suspended indefinitely by the NFL after a video was released showing the running back striking his then-fiancee in February. The grainy video, released by TMZ Sports, shows Rice and Janay Palmer in an elevator at an Atlantic City casino. Each hits the other before Rice knocks Palmer off her feet and into a railing. Months ago, a TMZ video showed Rice dragging Palmer, now his wife, from the elevator at the Revel casino, which closed Sept. 2.

Earlier Monday, the Ravens said they never saw the new video. Hours later, they sent out a one-sentence release:

"The Baltimore Ravens terminated the contract of RB Ray Rice this afternoon."

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THE BIG CHILL

Cilic beats Nishikori in U.S. Open final

Marin Cilic, of Croatia, reacts after a shot against Kei Nishikori, of Japan, during the championship match of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, in New York.
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In this July 31, 2014, file photo, Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice, right, walks off the field with Justin Forsett before addressing the media at a news conference in Owings Mills, Md. **Associated Press**

Ray Rice

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The action represented a complete reversal for the team, even though an Atlantic City police summons stated that Rice caused "bodily injury to Janay Palmer, specifically by striking her with his hand, rendering her unconscious." The Ravens had used words like "respect" and "proud" in referring to Rice following his arrest.

When the NFL announced Rice's two-game suspension for domestic violence on July 24, Newsome said: "We respect the efforts Ray has made to become the best partner and father he can be. That night was not typical of the Ray Rice we know and respect. We believe that he will not let that one night define who he

Coach John Harbaugh said he met with Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti, team president Dick Cass and general manager Ozzie Newsome after they saw the video, and they made

the decision to let Rice go. "It's something we saw for the first time today, all of us," Harbaugh said. "It changed things, of course. It made things a little bit different."

is, and he is determined to make sure something like this never happens again." In late July, Harbaugh said, "The thing I appreciate about it is how Ray has handled it afterward by acknowledging it was wrong and he'll do everything he can do to make it right. That's what you ask for when someone does a wrong thing. So, I'm proud of him for that."

Asked Monday night if Rice misled him, Harbaugh said he didn't want to get into "all that."

"I don't think of it that way. Everything I said in terms of what I believe, I stand by," he said.

"I believe that still, and I'll always believe those things, and (we'll) always stand in support of them as a couple, and that's not going to change."

Rice said in a news conference this summer that his actions that night were "inexcusable." But the Ravens never took action against him until after the second video was released.

The NFL, which has been working hard to promote the game to women, also took action after the explicit video was released. Commissioner Roger Goodell announced that, based on the new video evidence, Rice has been suspended indefinitely.

"We requested from law enforcement any and all information about the incident, including the video from inside the elevator," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Monday morning. "That video was not made available to us and no one in our office has seen it until today."

Goodell indicated as much on Aug. 1 when during the Pro Football Hall of Fame induction weekend.

"When we're going through the process of evaluating the issue and whether there will be discipline, you look at all of the facts that you have available to us," Goodell said. "Law enforcement normally has more ... information, facts, than we have. We'll get as much as we possibly can."

Rice's lawyer, Michael Diamondstein, declined to comment when contact-

ed by The Associated Press. Rice, 27, stood to make \$4 million this year.

"Obviously, any video that depicts an act of violence in that video is disturbing to watch.

For our union, we have an unshakable position against any violence, certainly domestic violence included," NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith said at the Seahawks' facility in Renton, Washington. "It will be a time for us now to catch up with everything else that has occurred today."

He had been charged with felony aggravated assault in the case, but in May he was accepted into a pre-trial intervention program that allowed him to avoid jail time and could lead to the charge being purged from his record.

After Goodell drew criticism not being tough enough on Rice, in a letter to all 32 NFL owners in August he wrote, "My disciplinary decision led the public to question our sincerity, our commitment, and whether we understood the toll that domestic violence inflicts on so many families. I take responsibility both for the decision and for ensuring that our actions in the future properly reflect our values."

"I didn't get it right," he added. "Simply put, we have to do better. And we will."

First-time offenders now face a six-game suspension.

Rice began his suspension Sunday, when the Ravens opened their season with a 23-16 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals. He was scheduled to return after Thursday night's game against Pittsburgh.

He leaves the Ravens as the second-leading rusher in franchise history, behind only Jamal Lewis. A three-time Pro Bowl selection, Rice is the team's career leader in total yards from scrimmage (9,214) and is the only player in Ravens history to rush for 1,000 yards in four consecutive seasons.

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Cilic tops Nishikori at U.S. Open for 1st Slam title

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AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Unable to play in the U.S. Open a year ago because of a doping suspension, Marin Cilic is now the tournament's champion.

Croatia's Cilic won his first Grand Slam title by beating Japan's Kei Nishikori 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 on Monday at Flushing Meadows, using 17 aces — including four in one game — and the same powerful groundstrokes that helped him eliminate Roger Federer in the semifinals.

"This is (from) all the hard work in these last several years — and especially this last year," Cilic said during the on-court ceremony, when he kissed his silver trophy and collected a check for \$3 million.

The 14th-seeded Cilic prevented the 10th-seeded Nishikori from becoming the first man from Asia to win a major singles championship.

"Tennis has not been our biggest sport in Japan," Nishikori said. "Hopefully I can win next time."

There hadn't been a matchup between players making their Grand Slam final debuts at the U.S. Open since 1997. Lopsided and lasting less than two hours, this hardly qualified as a classic.

"Both of us were pretty nervous in the first set, especially," Cilic acknowledged. "When we got ourselves going, it was a bit better."

Nishikori stunned No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the semifinals, and this was the first Grand Slam final since the 2005 Australian Open without Djokovic, Federer or Rafael Nadal, who won the U.S. Open in 2013 but is sidelined now by a wrist in-



Marin Cilic, of Croatia, holds up the championship trophy after defeating Kei Nishikori, of Japan, in the championship match of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, in New York.

Associated Press

jury. That trio had won 34 of the past 38 major titles, but this was the second of this season that eluded them. Some, including Cilic, had seen Stan Wawrinka's victory at the Australian Open in January as an indication that the next tier was about to get a crack at the hardware. Twelve months ago, Cilic missed the U.S. Open while serving a four-month ban after testing positive for a stimulant at a tournament in Germany in May 2013. The International Tennis Federation initially sought a two-year punishment, but Cilic wound up with a shortened suspension on appeal. He said he ingest-

ed the substance unintentionally via a glucose tablet bought at a pharmacy and calls the process that led to his penalty unfair. Cilic, whose only previous trip as far as the semifinals at a major came at the 2010 Australian Open, used the forced break from competition to improve his game. And that work was on full display the past two weeks — particularly Monday, under thick gray clouds and in a strong breeze. The 6-foot-6 (1.98-meter) Cilic, who is 25, and the 5-10 (1.78-meter) Nishikori, 24, each is coached by a guy with a Grand Slam title: 2001 Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic, the

last Croatian man to win a major, works with Cilic; 1989 French Open champion Michael Chang is one of Nishikori's two coaches. "My team has brought something special to me, especially Goran," Cilic said. "The most important thing that he brought to me was joy in tennis, and always having fun. And I think I enjoyed my best tennis ever here and played the best ever in my life." The Arthur Ashe Stadium artificial lights were on and the stands were mostly empty when the players walked out to the court at 5 p.m. — which was 6 a.m. in Japan, but did not pre-

vent folks there from gathering to watch the popular Nishikori on TV.

One indication of how far these two men have come: Their two previous U.S. Open meetings were in the second round in 2010, won by Nishikori, and the third round in 2012, won by Cilic.

This time, there was never really any intrigue.

Cilic won 19 of the last 20 points he served in the opening set, helped by three aces at up to 134 mph (216 kph). The biggest problem for Nishikori, really, was there were not many extended groundstroke exchanges — and even when there were, he tended to lose them.

He was off, whether because of the wind, the accumulated fatigue from a pair of four-hour-plus victories over No. 3 Wawrinka and No. 5 Milos Raonic, or perhaps knowing what was at stake for him, his country and his continent. Cilic wound up with twice as many winners, 38-19.

"I guess Kei didn't feel it today," said Dante Bottini, who helps Chang coach Nishikori.

Nishikori only broke once, in the second set, and Cilic broke right back. In the third set, trailing 4-2, Nishikori had three other break points. But one was erased by an ace and on the others, Nishikori slapped second-serve returns into the net — an escape Cilic would later call "lucky."

But good fortune is not all Cilic credited for his career-defining triumph.

"For all the other players working hard, this is a big sign, a big hope," Cilic said, "that if you're working hard, things are going to pay off."

AL Capsules

Royals spoil Jeter's day with 2-0 win over Yankees

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Yordano Ventura and the Kansas City Royals turned Derek Jeter Day into another disappointing defeat for the New York Yankees' captain in the dwindling days of his career.

Ventura pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning, and the AL Central leaders beat the Yankees 2-0 Sunday on a pair of unearned runs for their second shut-out in the three-game series.

Kansas City scored due to errors by pitcher Shane Greene (4-3) in the second inning and right fielder Carlos Beltran in the third. The Royals, who won 1-0 Friday night on an unearned run following an error by third baseman Chase Headley, went 4-3 against the Yankees this year to take the season series for the first time since 1999.

Ventura (12-9) won his third straight start, leaving after a leadoff walk in the sev-



New York Yankees Derek Jeter, foreground, heads to the dugout after his final at-bat in the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals at Yankee Stadium in New York, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014. The Royals won 2-0.

Associated Press

enth. With closer Greg Holland sidelined by a strained right triceps, Aaron Crow, Kelvin Herrera and Wade Davis combined for one-hit relief.

Pitching on his 29th birthday, Davis got his second

save of the series — and his big league career.

Jeter, who is retiring at the end of the season, went 1 for 3 with a first-inning single and a third-inning walk.

Before the game, he was honored during a 45-min-

ute ceremony on the field that included NBA great Michael Jordan and baseball ironman Cal Ripken Jr. ANGELS 14, TWINS 4 MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Trout hit his 32nd homer and C.J. Wilson recovered from a slow start as Los Angeles completed a season sweep of Minnesota.

Howie Kendrick, who had three hits and four RBIs, and C.J. Cron also homered for Los Angeles. The AL West leaders had a season-high 19 hits and completed their fifth four-game sweep this season, extending a franchise record. They finished 7-0 against the Twins.

Wilson (11-9) walked three straight batters to start the second. All three came around to score, giving Minnesota a 3-1 lead, but the left-hander retired 13 of his next 14 hitters.

Trout hit a two-run homer in the third off rookie Logan Darnell (0-2). Kendrick had a two-run triple in the fifth, and Cron launched a two-run shot off reliever A.J. Achter in a six-run sixth.

TIGERS 6, GIANTS 1 DETROIT (AP) — Rookie Kyle Lobstein earned his first major league win, and Miguel Cabrera homered for the third time in two days in Detroit's victory over San Francisco.

The Tigers beat the Giants for just the second time in 10 games, including San

Francisco's sweep of Detroit in the 2012 World Series. Torii Hunter, getting a rare chance to face a starting pitcher older than he is, had three hits against Tim Hudson (9-10).

Lobstein (1-0) has a 2.11 ERA in three starts since moving into the rotation to replace Anibal Sanchez. He allowed one run in 5 2-3 innings, giving up four hits and two walks and striking out three. Four relievers finished, with Phil Coke — who took the loss in Game 4 in the 2012 series — pitching the ninth.

Hudson, pitching in Detroit for the first time in 11 years, gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings.

INDIANS 2, WHITE SOX 0

CLEVELAND (AP) — Carlos Carrasco came within one out of his first complete game as Cleveland finished a three-game sweep of Chicago.

Carrasco (7-4) allowed four hits, struck out eight and didn't walk a batter in 8 2-3 innings, extending his remarkable turnaround since rejoining the rotation last month.

Cody Allen entered with two on and retired Conor Gillaspie for his 19th save.

Carrasco is 4-0 and has allowed three earned runs in 38 2-3 innings over six starts since Aug. 10.

Michael Brantley's RBI single in the first put Cleveland ahead. Carlos Santana added a run-scoring groundout in the eighth.

Scott Carroll (5-10) held the Indians to two runs in eight-plus innings, but received no help from his offense. Chicago scored two runs in the series and has lost 14 of 18.

RANGERS 1, MARINERS 0 ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Derek Holland pitched seven impressive innings in his second start off the disabled list as Texas beat Seattle to end an eight-game losing streak.

The Rangers gave interim manager Tim Lincecum his first victory in his third game since Ron Washington resigned. Seattle, which had won five in a row, finished a 5-2 road trip. □

Alberto Contador wins 16th stage of Spanish Vuelta

LA FARRAPOSEA, Spain (AP)

— Alberto Contador consolidated his overall race lead in the Spanish Vuelta by powering forward on the final ascent and winning the 16th stage on Monday.

The Tinkoff-Saxo rider charged past Christopher Froome with less than a kilometer to go on the mountainous 160.5-kilometer (99.7-mile) ride from San Martin del Rey Aurelio to La Farrapona to finish in 4 hours, 53 minutes, 35 seconds.

Froome finished second, 15 seconds behind, ahead of Alessandro di Marchi, who was 50 seconds behind.

"It was a good day, I was able to distance myself from all the riders," Contador said. "Froome seems to be getting better and he set an incredible rhythm but my strength was good and I was able to keep pace with him, then when I saw my chance I took it."



Spain's Alberto Contador, the new leader of Spain Vuelta Cycling, arrives on the podium as the overall leader after winning the 36.7 kilometers (22-mile) time trial, Real Monasterio Santa Maria de Valuela-Borja, the 10th stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race, in Borja, Spain, Tuesday Sept. 2, 2014.

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Alejandro Valverde lagged on the final ascent and finished fourth, 55 seconds behind, clinging on to third place overall by three seconds.

"It's complicated when Froome changes rhythm but I followed him and then I looked behind and saw that Joaquin (Rodri-

guez) and Valverde had lagged behind so I knew it was an important moment for me," said Contador.

The stage was marred by a fight between Gianluca Brambilla and Ivan Rovni, who threw punches at each other while riding and were both ejected from the race. □

NL Capsules

Gonzalez powers Dodgers past Diamondbacks 7-2

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Adrian Gonzalez hit a pair of three-run homers to reach 100 RBIs for the seventh time as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat Arizona after Trevor Cahill held them hitless for more than five innings.

Zack Greinke (14-8) gave up two runs and six hits before he was lifted for a pinch-hitter during the Dodgers' three-run sixth. The 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner is 5-0 with a 1.59 ERA in his last six starts against the Diamondbacks.

Dee Gordon ended Cahill's no-hit bid with a one-out double in the sixth. Hanley Ramirez walked on four pitches and Gonzalez smacked a 3-1 delivery over the center-field fence. Gonzalez, whose six RBIs tied a career high, made it 6-2 in the seventh against Oliver Perez with his 22nd homer. Matt Kemp hom-

ered on Perez's next pitch. Cahill (3-11) yielded three runs, two hits and four walks in 5 2-3 innings. The right-hander went 0-4 in four starts against the Dodgers this season, allowing 20 earned runs in 17 innings. Los Angeles won the season series 15-4.

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MARLINS 4, BRAVES 0

MIAMI (AP) — Brad Hand pitched six sharp innings and Jarrod Saltalamacchia drove in two runs to lead Miami over Atlanta. Hand (3-6) gave up five hits and struck out three. Donovan Solano and Marcell Ozuna each drove in a run for the Marlins, who won two of three in the series.

Atlanta starter Julio Teheran (13-11) allowed four runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings. In a tight race for the second NL wild card, the Braves have lost four of five and been shut out four times in their past eight games.

ROCKIES 6, PADRES 0



Los Angeles Dodgers' Adrian Gonzalez, left, hits a three-run home run as Arizona Diamondbacks relief pitcher Trevor Cahill, below, and catcher Miguel Montero, right, look on along with home plate umpire Scott Barry during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Nolan Arenado homered and Franklin Morales pitched six spotless innings for his first win in two months as Colorado defeated San Diego.

Jackson Williams hit his first major league home run for the Rockies, who swept a three-game series for the first time since June 13-15 in San Francisco.

Colorado has won four straight, its longest streak

since winning five in a row against Atlanta and the Giants in June. It was the Rockies' first three-game sweep at home this season.

Padres starter Tyson Ross (13-13) allowed three runs and seven hits while striking out seven in 5 2-3 innings. Morales (6-7) scattered four hits and walked two. He had been 0-3 with five no-decisions since beating San Diego on July 8.

PIRATES 10, CUBS 4

CHICAGO (AP) — Andrew McCutchen hit one of Pittsburgh's four homers as the Pirates moved into the second NL wild-card slot.

The Pirates swept the three-game series against the last-place Cubs to improve to 12-4 against Chicago this season, including 7-2 at Wrigley Field. Coupled with Milwaukee's 9-1 loss to St. Louis, they moved a half-game ahead of the Brewers for the last wild card.

Neil Walker hit a two-run shot in the first and Jordy Mercer and McCutchen connected in consecutive at-bats in the second. Even pitcher Gerrit Cole (8-5) got into the act, belting a two-run drive in the seventh for his first major league homer.

Chicago had won three in a row before the visit from Pittsburgh. Travis Wood (8-12) was tagged for seven runs and nine hits in 1 2-3 innings.

CARDINALS 9, BREWERS 1
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Adam Wainwright pitched a seven-hitter for St. Louis, and Peter Boujos had a key two-run triple.

The Cardinals took three of four in the series at Miller Park to open a five-game lead on Milwaukee. The Brewers have lost 11 of 12. St. Louis grabbed a 4-0 lead with four runs in the fourth against rookie Jimmy Nelson (2-7).

It was more than enough support for Wainwright (17-9), who is tied for the major league lead in victories. The right-hander struck out three.

NATIONALS 3, PHILLIES 2
WASHINGTON (AP) — Adam LaRoche homered twice as Washington avoided a series sweep.

Scott Hairston hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly off Philadelphia ace Cole Hamels (8-7) in the sixth inning. Hairston started in place of Bryce Harper because of his stellar numbers against the left-hander, who combined with three relievers for a no-hitter against Atlanta in his previous start.

Gio Gonzalez (8-9) allowed two runs in six-plus innings for the Nationals, who had lost five straight against the Phillies. Washington pushed its NL East lead over Atlanta back to seven games. Drew Storen pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

MLS Roundup Timbers claim late 3-3 draw with Earthquakes

SANTA CLARA, California (AP) — Ghanaian winger Kalif Alhassan scored in the 86th minute to give the Portland Timbers a 3-3 draw with the San Jose Earthquakes in Major League Soccer on Sunday.

Alhassan equalized a Chris Wondolowski scored his second for San Jose when he ran onto a loose ball in the penalty area and slotted a shot past goalkeeper Jon Busch.

Portland moved into sole possession of the fifth and final playoff position in the Western Conference, one point ahead of Vancouver. San Jose is eight points behind the Timbers.

Cordell Cato also scored for San Jose. Alvas Powell and Liam Ridgewell found the net for Portland.

Columbus 3, Chivas USA 0
At Columbus Ohio, Justin Meram scored the first two goals and Bernardo Anor added a third to lead the Crew past Chivas USA 3-0. Meram opened the scoring for the Crew in the 52nd minute, curling a strike around goalkeeper Dan Kennedy into the bottom-right corner. He scored again 7 minutes later after he intercepted a careless cross in the middle of the Chivas USA backfield.

Anor scored in the 80th minute with a header off Hector Jimenez's cross.

The victory moved the Crew into a three-way tie for third place in the Eastern Conference.

New England 2, Chicago 1
The New England Revolution beat the Chicago Fire 2-1 thanks to a 60th-minute goal by Charlie Davies.

Sanna Nyassi gave the Fire a 1-0 lead on a header in the 28th minute off Quincy Amariwa's cross, before Diego Fagundez pulled the Revolution level with a header in the 41st.

Jermaine Jones maneuvered through a seam up the middle of the Chicago defense and passed forward to Davies to create the opportunity for New England.

Hendrick, Penske and Harvick gearing up for Chase



Jeff Gordon, left, and Jimmie Johnson wave to the crowd during driver introductions for the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014. **Associated Press**

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — A win in the

season-opening Daytona 500 guaranteed Dale Earnhardt Jr. a spot in NASCAR's title race. It also allowed his Hendrick Motorsports team to live in the moment on the race track and not get hung up on results.

The 10-race Chase for the Sprint Cup championship is here and the laissez-faire attitude must go. A loaded championship field means there's little room for error in NASCAR's new elimination format.

"Well, we've been sort of on a vacation for 20 weeks. It's time to get to it," Earnhardt said after the "regular-season" finale at Richmond. "But as a company, I don't think we could be any more prepared than we are."

Indeed, Hendrick Motorsports got all four of its cars into the Chase when Kasey Kahne snatched a berth with his win at Atlanta two weeks ago. They'll go head-to-head with Team Penske, which has matched Hendrick all season in performance.

But not to be overlooked is Kevin Harvick, who has been one of the strongest cars in the field for 26 weeks. Harvick has pit crew issues that must be solved

or he'll have his hands full with the Hendrick and Penske drivers.

Here's a look at the top teams in the 16-driver Chase field:

HENDRICK MOTORSPORTS: Jeff Gordon led the points race most of the year and combined with Earnhardt and defending champion Jimmie Johnson for nine victories in 26 races. All three drivers are three-time winners this season, and all have performed at a much

seeking his first Cup title. But Johnson wants ring No. 7, which would tie him with Hall of Famers Richard Petty and the late Dale Earnhardt for most in NASCAR history.

Johnson had one of his typical summer swoons — he had only one top-10 finish in a six-week span — before snapping out of it in early August. He reeled off four consecutive top-10s the last month, but had a bout of dehydration fol-



Brad Keselowski celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014. **Associated Press**

higher level than Kahne, who was in danger of not even making the Chase before his win at Atlanta.

Gordon, who won his fourth title in 2001, is having a career resurgence and Earnhardt is desperately

lowing Saturday night's race that left the triathlete puzzled.

"There's something that went wrong today," Johnson said after receiving five liters of intravenous fluids. "It could have been my

own nutrition plan. I felt like I came in plenty hydrated." Earnhardt, Gordon and Johnson are expected to be contenders when the Chase opens Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway. But it remains to be seen if one of the Hendrick drivers can separate himself from his teammates.

TEAM PENSKE: Brad Keselowski entered this season determined to prove he was not a one-year wonder in 2012 when he won his championship. He failed to make the Chase last season and was ineligible to defend his title, but came back this year to earn the top seed in the field.

He picked up his series-best fourth win of the year Saturday night at Richmond, where he humiliated the field by leading all but 17

be joined in the Chase by Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Kurt Busch, but Harvick has been the far superior driver at SHR this season.

Although he has only two wins to show for his speed, he'd led 1,186 laps and Johnson believes Harvick "should have north of eight wins" this season. One of the most glaring hiccups in his program is his pit crew, which is not at the same level as the other top contenders.

Harvick has lost valuable spots on pit road repeatedly this season, and said it's up to SHR to fix the problem.

"Hopefully they have a plan as to what they think they need to do in the shop with the two teams in the Chase, but that's not



Dale Earnhardt Jr. greets fans during driver introductions for the NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014. **Associated Press**

of the 400 laps. Now Keselowski and teammate Joey Logano, a three-race winner this year, are ready to go toe-to-toe with the Hendrick heavyweights.

"He was down maybe last year, but came back this season. He's been outstanding," team owner Roger Penske said of Keselowski. "I give him a lot of credit because he's pushing the team. He and Joey together, they're working with each other, trying to find the speed in the cars." Many have believed all year the championship would come down to Hendrick vs. Penske, and Penske will have to show that its two-car organization can stand up against Hendrick.

KEVIN HARVICK: He'll

my department," Harvick said.

SHR can borrow from the pit crews of Danica Patrick or team co-owner Tony Stewart if that would help Harvick, and Stewart might not object because he very much wants to see one of his cars win the championship. But Stewart is also winless on the season, and has never gone a year without a win, so there could be an emphasis on getting him into Victory Lane in the final 10 races.

Harvick just wants the issue addressed.

"I think our cars are as fast as they need to be. The guys do a great job of bringing fast cars every week," he said. "It's just one mistake after another every week on pit road." □

Will Apple finally reveal its next big thing?

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple is poised to reveal its next big thing in a crucial attempt to prove its technological tastemakers still have the power to mesmerize the masses.

The trend-setting company is expected to rouse the still-slumbering market for wearable computers with a smartwatch or bracelet equipped to monitor health, help manage homes and even buy merchandise.

Apple is a late arrival to this relatively new niche: several other companies already sell smartwatches that are being greeted with widespread indifference.

If any company can transform the landscape, it's likely to be Apple Inc. after the company shifted the direction of digital technology with the iPod, iPhone and iPad. Other MP3 music players, smartphones and tablet computers were first to market, but the devices didn't enthrall consumers until Apple imbued them with a sense of elegance, convenience and wizardry.

"It means more to us to get it right than to be first," Apple CEO Tim Cook explained to analysts earlier this year.

Apple is likely to provide the first peek at its wear-

able device at a Tuesday event in the same Silicon Valley auditorium where Apple's late co-founder, Steve Jobs, unveiled the industry-shifting Mac computer 25 years ago.

Rumors have been swirling

out providing any details.

"The location suggests this will be a historic event and the historic aspect will be their movement into a new category," predicted technology analyst and longtime Apple watcher

A smartwatch or high-tech bracelet would mark the first time that Apple Inc. has rolled out a new product line since the iPad's release nearly four-and-half years ago. In that time, the Cupertino, California, com-

Those concerns have waned in recent months amid high hopes for the products Apple has lined up for the holiday shopping season. The fervor propelled Apple's stock to new highs last week, a dramatic swing in sentiment from 17 months ago when the shares were trading about 44 percent below current levels. The stock was down less than 1 percent to \$98.20 in Monday afternoon's trading.

Even with all the anticipation surrounding the potential smartwatch, the next generation of the iPhone will still be the star of Tuesday's show, as well as the main source of Apple's profits for at least the next year.

The device, likely to be called the iPhone 6, is expected to feature a screen spanning at least 4.7 inches diagonally, up from the 4-inch display on the previous models released during the past two years. Some analysts have speculated Apple may also offer an iPhone model with a 5.5-inch screen.

Any significant increase in the iPhone's size would make the device more competitive with smartphones made by Samsung Electronics and other rivals, and virtually ensure that Apple would have one of the holiday season's hottest selling items. □



In this Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, file photo, Apple CEO Tim Cook speaks on stage before a new product introduction in Cupertino, Calif.

Associated Press

that U2, one of Jobs' favorite musical groups, will perform live to promote its new album, as well as Apple's latest gadgetry, which is likely to include an iPhone with a larger screen.

As usual, Apple hasn't said what's on tap, though the company's top executives have repeatedly promised major breakthroughs with-

Tim Bajarin.

After Tuesday's glimpse, it still may be several months before people get a chance to wear the device. There's speculation that the smartwatch won't be available until early next year, although Apple is expected to take orders during the holiday shopping season.

pany, has been sprucing up its selection of iPhones, iPads and Macs with new models each year since Jobs died in October 2011 after a long battle with cancer.

The innovation void raised questions as to whether Apple's creativity was fading under Cook, Jobs' hand-picked successor.

Microsoft revamps MSN to flow across devices

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) —

Microsoft is giving its MSN news service a crisper look, new lifestyle tools and seamless syncing across devices.

The company says the revamped site fits in with Microsoft's overall strategy of making mobile phones and Internet-based services priorities as its traditional businesses — Windows and Office software installed on desktops — slow down or decline. The changes also come as people increas-

ingly read news on smartphones and tablets rather than desktop computers.

Rather than being simply an entry point for accessing the rest of the Internet, the revamped MSN is aiming to become a daily part of life for its 400 million monthly users worldwide. Besides news culled from other media outlets, MSN will have such tools as a symptom checker and a shopping list maker for recipes.

"It's not just about finding that great article on Beyonce," said Stefan Weitz,

senior director, operating system and services at Microsoft. "It's also about helping you fix a great dinner and manage your flights."

One key improvement will be an ability to sync across all devices. So if you are logged in and make a shopping list for a recipe on your desktop, it will automatically appear on the MSN app on your phone.

The changes mirror what Microsoft is doing with its latest version of its Windows operating system. CEO Sa-



This screen shot provided by Microsoft shows its new MSN news portal.

Associated Press

tya Nadella has acknowledged the headache the company had created for software developers by making multiple versions of Windows that work differently on phones, PCs and tablets, Xbox and other devices. With the next version

of Windows, Microsoft plans to unify the system so developers can create apps that work on many devices at once. A preview of the new MSN site will be available Monday. The new site will roll out more widely later this month. □

Stocks fall as oil slump hits energy sector

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NEW YORK (AP) — A retreat in oil and energy stocks pulled the rest of the U.S. stock market mostly lower Monday.

Campbell Soup declined after the company said its 2015 profits would miss

largest publicly traded oil company, dropped \$1.49, or 1.5 percent, to \$97.77. It was the biggest loser among the Dow's 30 members.

The decline in energy stocks was linked to a recent sell-off in the price of oil. Benchmark U.S. crude

drilling and exploration companies, which rely on high oil prices to justify pulling crude oil out of remote parts of the planet. Newfield Exploration, Nabors Industries, EOG Resources all fell 3 percent or more.

Some strategists say the decline in oil prices is likely

large enough to derail the region's economy, but a breakup of the U.K. could potentially be messy for investors, strategists say. Which of the U.K.'s bonds would go to Scotland? Can Scotland's economy function on its own, while still using the British pound? Who would take control of the oil reserves north of Scotland?

"A vote for independence or fear of that outcome may roil financial markets over the next two weeks," Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Asset Management, wrote in an e-mail.

Stocks in London, particularly those with links to Scotland, fell. Britain's FTSE 100 index lost 0.3 percent. Investors also sold the British pound, which fell to lowest level in nearly a year.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.47 percent. In metals trading, the price of gold fell \$13 to \$1,254.30 an ounce, silver fell 20 cents to \$18.96 an ounce and copper was flat at \$3.17 a pound.

In other energy trading, Brent crude, a benchmark for international crudes imported by U.S. refiners, slipped 62 cents to \$100.20 a barrel in London. Wholesale gasoline lost 2.15 cents to \$2.562 a gallon and natural gas gained 8.3 cents to \$3.876 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Among individual stocks: —China's Alibaba Group is seeking to raise up to \$24.3 billion from its initial public offering, which would be the largest of all time. Alibaba Group is expected to make its long-awaited debut on the New York Stock Exchange later this month. □



This photo shows an entrance to a Wall Street subway station in New York. U.S. stocks edged lower in trading Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, pulling the market back from a record high close last week. **AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)**

analysts' expectations. Yahoo, which owns a stake in Alibaba, jumped in anticipation of the giant Chinese technology company going public.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 25.94 points, or 0.2 percent, to 17,111.42. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 6.17 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,001.54 and the Nasdaq composite added 9.39 points, or 0.2 percent, to 4,592.29.

Energy stocks were by far the biggest drag on the market. The energy component of the S&P 500 fell 1.6 percent, compared to the modest 0.3 percent decline in the main index. Exxon Mobil, the world's

oil for October delivery fell 63 cents, or 0.7 percent, to \$92.66 a barrel, the lowest price since January.

Oil prices have fallen for three days straight as geopolitical worries in Ukraine and particularly in Iraq have eased. Also impacting crude oil was a report out of China that showed manufacturing in the world's second-largest economy was slowing down.

"The market is trading lower on this subdued, weaker global outlook," said Jack Ablin, chief investment strategist at BMO Private Bank.

The three biggest decliners in the S&P 500 were oil

to be temporary.

"I suspect oil cannot fall further than \$90 a barrel," said Paul Christopher, a chief international investment strategist at Wells Fargo Advisors, who focuses on the oil market. "Saudi Arabia and other OPEC members will start cutting production if oil continues to fall like this."

Another international concern for investors is in Europe, where a drive for Scottish independence seems to be gaining momentum. Once considered a far-flung idea, a recent poll by YouGov showed rising support for a break from the United Kingdom. Scotland's economy is not

STREET BRIEFS

Chiquita tables meet on Fyffes until October 3

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

Chiquita is postponing a vote on its proposed merger with the Irish fruit seller Fyffes as it awaits a new bid from another potential buyer. Chiquita said it has received a waiver from Fyffes allowing it to hold talks with investment firm Safra Group and Brazil's Cutrale Group, an agribusiness and juice company. Chiquita is now seeking a best and final offer from Cutrale and Safra. Shares jumped 3 percent before the opening bell Monday. Chiquita rejected a \$611 million offer from Safra and Cutrale last month. A special shareholders meeting to vote on the Fyffes deal, which was to take place next week, will now be held on Oct. 3. Chiquita and Fyffes announced in March that they would combine to create a new company called ChiquitaFyffes PLC, based in Dublin, where Fyffes has its headquarters. □

FTC sues AbbVie, Teva for generic AndroGel drug

NEW YORK (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission is suing drugmakers AbbVie and Teva, saying they conspired to temporarily keep generic versions of AbbVie's low-testosterone drug AndroGel off the market. The FTC says AbbVie Inc. and its partner and Besins Healthcare filed baseless patent infringement lawsuits against Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and Perrigo Co. to delay the approval and sale of less-expensive generic versions of the drug. AbbVie then struck a deal with Teva that will allow Teva to sell a generic at a later date. The FTC says that agreement included payments to Teva the government alleges were illegal. The agency is asking a court to throw out the agreement between the companies. AndroGel is AbbVie's second-best selling drug. The company reported \$1.04 billion in revenue from AndroGel in 2013, but that was a 10-percent drop from the previous year. □

Amazon slashes price of its Fire smartphone

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon slashed the price of its Fire smartphone Monday, a day before Apple is expected to unveil its latest version of the iPhone.

The online retailer said the Fire with 32 gigabytes of memory will now cost 99 cents when customers sign

a two-year contract with AT&T. That's down from \$199.

The phone with 64 gigabytes of memory will now cost \$99 with a two-year contract, down from \$299. Amazon said the phones will still come with unlimited cloud storage for pho-

tos and a free 12 months of Amazon Prime, the company's free shipping and video-streaming plan, which normally costs \$99 a year.

The Seattle-based company began selling the phone in June through a preorder. Besides a pos-

sible new iPhone, the Fire is expected to face increasing competition this fall. Samsung unveiled two new phones last week that are set to go on sale in October.

Shares of Amazon.com Inc. fell \$4.88, or 1.41 percent, to \$341.50. □

Twitter begins testing 'buy' button for posts

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SAN FRANCISCO - After months of hints about its e-commerce ambitions, Twitter announced Monday that it would begin publicly testing a "buy" button that can be embedded in posts to allow users to buy a product with a couple of clicks.

The feature, initially aimed at selling limited-edition or time-sensitive items such as T-shirts and event tickets, could eventually create a new revenue stream for the social network, which

currently relies on advertising for virtually all of its income.

The test comes as competition in the world of mobile e-commerce intensifies. Apple is expected to unveil a new phone-based payment system on Tuesday as part of its latest update to the iPhone. And Facebook, Twitter's biggest rival, began testing a "buy" button on its service in July. Unlike Twitter's e-commerce efforts with companies such as Amazon and American Express, this one will not require buyers

to send a public message with a special hashtag to buy the product being offered. Instead, they will click on a "buy" button inside the Twitter message. The service will then prompt them to enter their credit card and shipping information or, if it is already on file, ask them to click again to confirm the purchase.

"I think of Twitter as the place to connect with the things that you love," said Nathan Hubbard, the former chief executive of Ticketmaster, who joined

Twitter a year ago to lead its commerce efforts. "How can you bring a transaction into the experience to make it additive?"

Hubbard said the test would initially be limited to a small number of Twitter users in the United States and would include items for sale from 19 entities, including popular musicians like Rihanna and Eminem, nonprofit groups like the Nature Conservancy and DonorsChoose, and the retailers Home Depot and Burberry.

He said that it was unclear

what types of products customers might want to buy on Twitter, although he suspected that what would do best was "anything that is perishable, that has a temporal component to it, or a sense of urgency."

Stripe, a payment processor that is used by many e-commerce companies, will handle the financial side of the transactions. And three marketing platforms - Fancy, Musictoday and Gumroad - will work with the sellers to handle product presentation and order fulfillment. □

Electrolux to buy GE Appliances in \$3.3B deal

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Associated Press

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Sweden's Electrolux is buying the appliances business of General Electric for \$3.3 billion, boosting its presence on the North American market, the companies said Monday.

The acquisition is the largest ever for Stockholm-based Electrolux, ranked as the world's second biggest home appliance maker after U.S. rival Whirlpool. GE confirmed last month it was in talks to sell its appliances division — maker of the first electric toaster more than 100 years ago — as part of its effort to focus on selling more complex and profitable industrial equipment.

Electrolux CEO Keith McLoughlin said the move, which needs regulatory approval and is expected to be completed in 2015, "takes our company to a new level in terms of global reach and market cover-

age."

Electrolux plans a rights issue corresponding to about 25 percent of the

cooking products, washers and dryers and air conditioners. The division, which has 12,000 workers at nine

brand, products, distribution, and service capabilities make it a perfect fit with Electrolux and its goal

dent and CEO of GE Appliances, said at a news conference in Louisville that Electrolux is "a company whose sole focus is being a global leader in appliances" and called the alliance "the right business model to ensure our long-term presence and competitiveness."

Asked if employees should be worried about their jobs, he said, "What I'm telling employees is that this transaction represents the best opportunity for our successful long-term growth, compared to standing still." About 6,000 people work at GE's sprawling Kentucky site.

Other than its own brand, Electrolux sells under the Zanussi, AEG, Frigidaire and Eureka trademarks. In July it posted a second-quarter net loss of 92 million kronor (\$13.5 million), citing large restructuring charges, but said demand in Europe and the United States was picking up. □



Chip Blankenship, President, and Chief Executive Officer of General Electric Appliances, answers questions after announcing the pending sale of the GE appliance group to Electrolux during a news conference Monday, Sept. 8, 2014 at General Electric Appliance Park in Louisville, Ky.

(AP Photo/Timothy D. Easley)

purchase after the acquisition is complete.

Headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, GE Appliances' products include refrigerators, freezers,

factories, earned \$381 million on \$8.3 billion in sales last year, for a profit margin of 4.6 percent.

"GE Appliances' people, valuable home appliances

of accelerating growth in the U.S.," GE Chief Executive Jeff Immelt said in a joint statement from the two companies.

Chip Blankenship, presi-

Hertz Chairman and CEO Frissora steps down

NEW YORK (AP) — Hertz Chairman and CEO Mark Frissora has stepped down from his posts for personal reasons. He had served as CEO since January 2007.

The car rental company said Monday that Brian P. MacDonald, president and CEO of Hertz Equipment Rental Corp., will serve as interim CEO of

Hertz Global Holdings Inc. MacDonald has served as president and CEO of Hertz Equipment Rental since June.

Hertz, based in Park Ridge, New Jersey, said that it has started the search process for a permanent CEO.

MacDonald has led turnarounds at companies including Sunoco Inc. and Isuzu Motors Ltd.

Hertz is in the process of trying to turn its business around. In June, the company said it needed to review and correct financial statements from the last three years because of accounting errors. It has delayed its second-quarter filing as a result.

In late August Hertz withdrew its guidance for 2014, saying it would come up

far short of expectations. That same month it was disclosed that activist investor Carl Icahn had taken an 8.5 percent stake in the company.

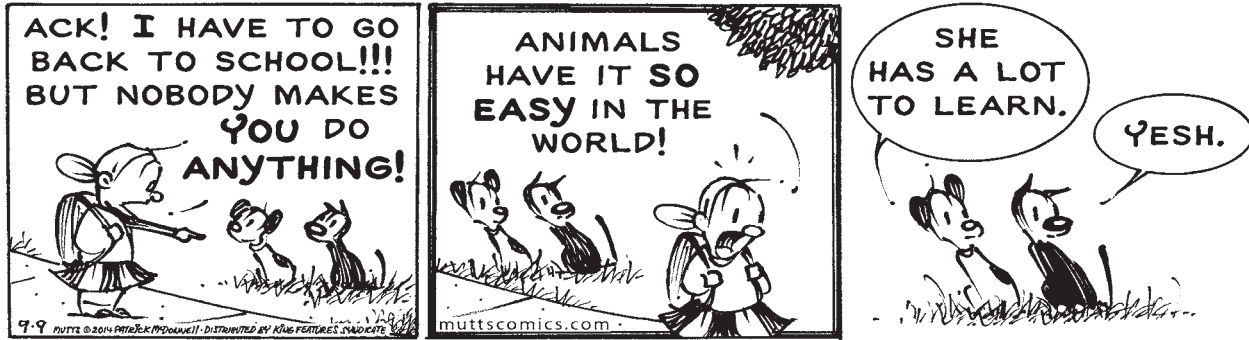
Hertz said Monday that it is still committed to the planned separation of its equipment rental business into a separate, publicly traded company and expanding its off-airport

rental business, among other initiatives.

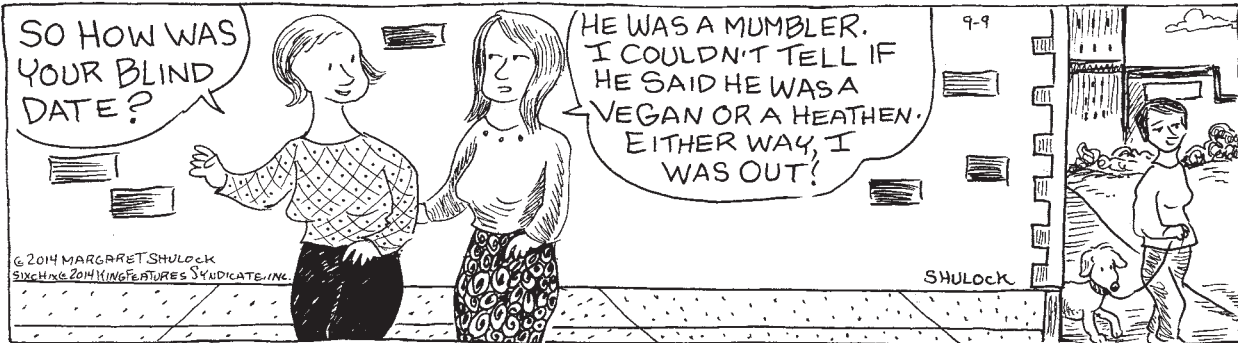
Independent lead director Linda Fayne Levinson has also been named independent non-executive chair of the board. She's been a Hertz board member since 2012.

Hertz's stock rose almost 5 percent, or \$1.39, to \$29.85 shortly before the opening bell Monday. □

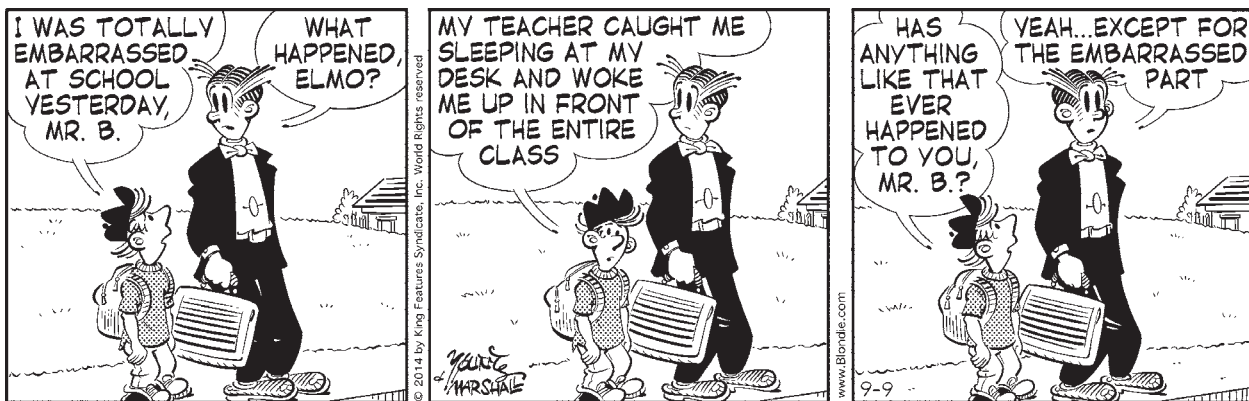
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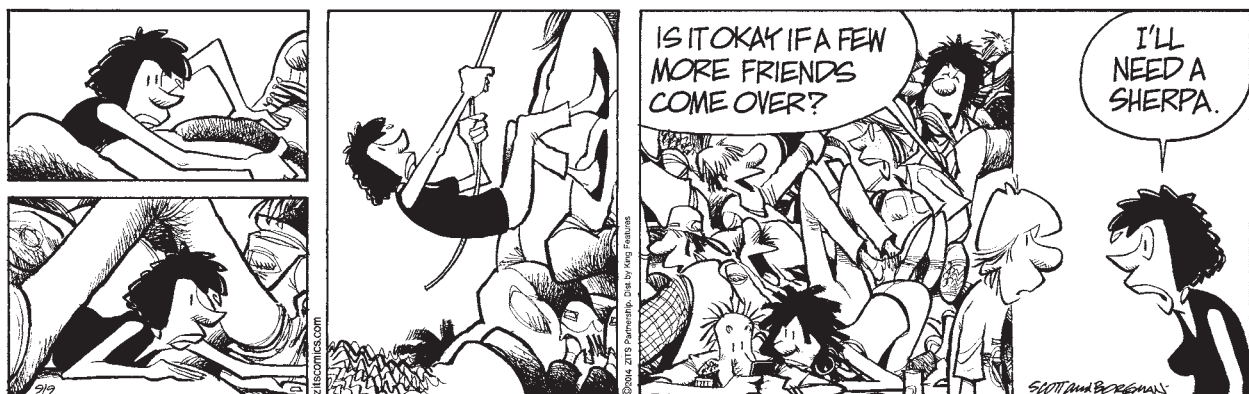
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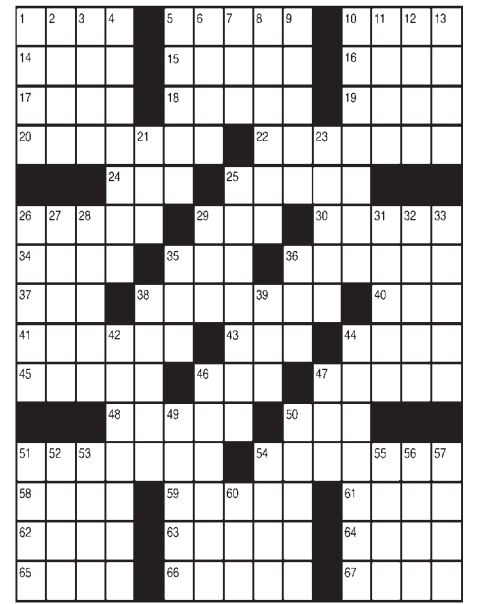
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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Respiratory illness hits dozen US states

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Hundreds of children in more than 10 U.S. states have been sickened by a severe respiratory illness that public health officials say may be caused by an uncommon virus similar to the germ that causes the common cold.

Nearly 500 children have been treated at one hospital alone — Children's Mercy in Kansas City, Missouri — and some required intensive care, according to authorities.

The suspected germ, enterovirus 68, is an uncommon strain of a very common family of viruses that typically hit from summertime through autumn.

The virus can cause mild coldlike symptoms including runny noses, coughing and wheezing but Mark Pallansch, director of the viral diseases division at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said this summer's cases are unusually severe and include serious breathing problems.

"It's not highly unusual but we're trying to understand what happened this year in terms of these noticeable and much larger clusters of severe respiratory disease," Pallansch said Monday.

The virus typically causes illness lasting about a week and most children recover with no lasting problems.

Authorities in Illinois and Colorado said their states are among those with suspected or confirmed cases. A CDC spokesman said the agency also is testing to see if the virus caused respiratory illnesses reported in children in Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio, Oklahoma and Utah.

The CDC's Dr. Anne Schuchat said at a Monday news briefing that there are other viruses making kids sick.

"Most of the runny noses out there are not going to be turning into this," she said.

Children with asthma and other health problems are

especially at risk for the enterovirus, but reported cases include children without asthma who have developed asthmalike breathing problems, Pallansch said. He said no deaths have been reported in the outbreak.

Dr. Mary Anne Jackson, director of infectious diseases at Children's Mercy, said local cases began appearing in mid-August and they appear to have peaked in her area.

Schuchat, said the strain involved also appeared in the United States last year and in specimens from other countries. She said the CDC learned it had reappeared in this country last month when authorities in Chicago and Kansas City notified the agency about severe illnesses in children who had to be hospitalized. She said the

virus was found in 11 of 14 specimens from Chicago and in 19 of 22 specimens from Missouri.

In the Denver area, more than 900 children were treated for severe respiratory illnesses at Children's Hospital Colorado and its urgent care locations and 86 were hospitalized in recent weeks. The hospital said samples were sent to the CDC to confirm any link to the virus.

The University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital has treated several cases, including extremely sick children requiring life-support machines, said Dr. Rachel Wolfson, an intensive care unit physician.

Affected children include "kids from all walks of life, as small as infants all the way up to teenagers," Wolfson said. □

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U.S. cities prep for warm climate without saying so

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AP Environmental Writer

GRAND HAVEN, Michigan

(AP) — Climate change remains a political minefield across the U.S., despite the strong scientific consensus that it's happening, so some local leaders have hit upon a way of preparing for the potentially severe consequences without triggering explosions of partisan warfare: Just call it something else.

In many communities across America, especially strongholds of conservative politics, they're planning for the volatile weather linked to rising temperatures by speaking of "sustainability" or "resilience," while avoiding no-win arguments with skeptics over whether the planet is warming or that human activity is responsible.

Big cities and small towns are shoring up dams and dikes, using roof gardens to absorb rainwater or upgrading sewage treatment plans to prevent overflows. Others are planting urban forests, providing more shady relief from extreme heat and helping farmers deal with an onslaught of new crop pests.

The pattern illustrates a growing disconnect between the debate still raging in politics and the reality on the ground. In many city planning departments, it has become the issue that cannot be named.

"The messaging needs to be more on being prepared and knowing we're tending to have more extreme events," said Graham Brannin, planning director in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Sen. James Inhofe — a global warming de-

nier and author of a book labeling it "The Greatest Hoax" — once served as mayor. "The reasoning behind it doesn't matter; let's just get ready."

To be sure, flood control projects and other so-called resiliency measures were taking place long before anyone spoke of planetary warming. But the climate threat

severe storms. Although two lakes provide ample drinking water, Brannin is beginning to push for conservation with future droughts in mind. A non-profit, Tulsa Partners Inc., is advocating "green infrastructure" such as permeable pavement to soak up storm runoff.

They emphasize disaster preparedness, saying little

or development restrictions to prevent storm erosion of the Lake Michigan waterfront.

City Manager Pat McGinnis isn't calling it a climate change initiative.

"I wouldn't use those words," McGinnis said he told the consultants. "Those are a potential flash point."

Grand Haven's mayor,

organization runs the Grand Haven program and others, is accustomed to walking the language tightrope.

"The term 'global warming' seems to be thoroughly misunderstood, so we don't use it much," Vandermeulin said, even though a primary goal is helping communities prepare for ... global warming. During a climate conference this summer that drew about 175 community leaders, government officials and scientists, mostly from the Great Lakes area, organizers even distributed a pamphlet with tips for discussing the subject — or sidestepping it. For example, avoid hyperbolic "climageddon" warnings about impending catastrophe, it advises.

"It's really unfortunate that the political climate has poisoned the way we have to talk about these things," said Don Scavia, a University of Michigan environmental scientist and an organizer of the Ann Arbor session.

The subject is especially touchy in coastal areas, where developers worry that projections of rising sea levels will boost insurance costs and scare off real estate buyers. In rural Hyde County, North Carolina, planning director Kris Noble just talks about flooding, which people understand. "We can argue about climate change all day long, is it happening or is it not, but either way, we've always flooded and we're always going to flood," she said. □



In this July 22, 2014 photo, Grand Haven, Mich., Mayor Geri McCaleb stands beside the Grand River, which runs through town and flows into Lake Michigan, in Grand Haven, Mich.

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has added urgency and spurred creative new proposals, including ones to help people escape searing temperatures or to protect coastlines from surging tides, like artificial reefs. It's also generated new sources of government funding.

In Tulsa, the city has been buying out homeowners and limiting development near the Arkansas River to help prevent flooding from

or nothing about climate change.

Leaders in Grand Haven, a town of 10,600 in predominantly Republican western Michigan, will meet this autumn with design consultants to explore such possibilities as "cooling stations" for low-income people during future heat waves,

Geri McCaleb, is among the skeptics who consider warming merely part of nature's historical cycle. Yet she's on board with ideas for dealing with storms.

"History will bear out who has the right answers" about climate change, McCaleb said.

Joe Vandermeulin, whose

Experts cast doubt on Nicaragua meteorite reports

MANAGUA, Nicaragua

(AP) — Outside experts are raising doubts about whether a 39-foot crater found in Nicaragua's capital this weekend was caused by a meteorite strike, as the country's government has said.

The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration says the lack

of any witness accounts of a fireball lighting up the nighttime sky suggests something else was behind the blast around midnight Saturday.

Bill Cooke is head of NASA's Meteoroid Environment Office. He estimates the crater shown in photos was likely caused by an explosion roughly

the energy equivalent of 1 ton of TNT.

Cooke said Monday that any space rock capable of leaving a hole that size "would have generated a very bright fireball."

Nicaragua's government said the previous day that a relatively small meteorite was responsible for the crater. □



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Neil Patrick Harris gets married in Italy

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kim Kardashian and Kanye West aren't the only ones who tied the knot this year in Italy. So did Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka.

The "How I Met Your Mother" star and his actor-chef groom were married Saturday in Italy. They'd been dating for 10 years and are parents to 3-year-old twins, Gideon and Harper. The grooms wore custom Tom Ford tuxedos and Elton John performed at the reception.

"Yup, we put the 'n' and 'd' in 'husband,'" Harris tweeted Monday. His publicist later confirmed the news.

Harris, 41, just won a Tony Award for his role in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." He has been in several Broadway productions, including "Assassins," "Proof" and as the exuberant master of ceremonies in "Cabaret."

Burtka, 39, played Tulsa in the Bernadette Peters-led revival of "Gypsy," was seen off-Broadway in "The Play About the Baby" and



In this June 8, 2014 file photo, Neil Patrick Harris, left, and David Burtka arrive at the 68th annual Tony Awards at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

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is also a chef.

"How I Met Your Mother" producer Pam Fryman officiated at the wedding. Same-sex marriages are not allowed in Italy so it was not legally binding in that country.

The next celebrity couple to pick Italy to marry is George Clooney and human rights lawyer Amal Alamuddin, who will tie the knot in Venice in a couple of weeks. □

CBS names James Corden to replace Craig Ferguson

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NEW YORK (AP) — British actor James Corden will replace Craig Ferguson as host of "The Late Late Show" on CBS next year, part of a complete overhaul of the network's late-night talk show lineup put in motion by the impending retirement of David Letterman.

The network said Monday it had picked Corden, who won a Tony Award in 2012 for his role in the play "One Man, Two Guvnors" and appears in the movie "Begin Again" with Keira Knightley and Mark Ruffalo. Corden is also in the upcoming film "Into the Woods" with Meryl Streep and Johnny Depp. He hosts a sports-oriented game show in Britain, and also acts in and writes the BBC series "The Wrong Mans."

Nina Tassler, chairman of CBS entertainment, called Corden "a rare entertainment force who combines irresistible charm, warmth and originality with a diverse range of creative instincts and performance talent."

Ferguson has hosted "The Late Late Show," which



This June 25, 2014 file photo shows James Corden at the New York premiere of "Begin Again" in New York.

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airs at 12:35 a.m. ET, for 10 years. He said he would be leaving shortly after Letterman announced his retirement and he was passed over to be his successor, with Stephen Colbert getting that job sometime next year. Ferguson will leave the show in December, CBS said. Corden's hiring recalls that of the Scottish-born Ferguson, who was relatively unknown in the United States before CBS gave him the job. Corden

is also another white male in a late-night talk world dominated by them. CBS said it was considering several different options for a show when Ferguson said he was leaving; it offered no details on the type of program Corden will do, and also did not say where it will be based. "I can't wait to get started, and will do my very best to make a show America will enjoy," Corden said.

CBS didn't say when his show will start. The timing all seems dependent on when Letterman exits "The Late Show" next year and when Colbert begins.

Corden's new TV gig was immediately felt on Broadway, where a 2015 revival of Stephen Sondheim's musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" was postponed. Corden had been expected to play the lead role of Pseudolus.

"The producers all agreed that time was beginning to run out to cast and produce 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum' this spring in the way we wanted. While we are disappointed, we have decided to postpone the production this season," said a statement from the producers. □

Michael C. Hall to be 'Hedwig and the Angry Inch'

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AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael C. Hall's next step is going to be a gender bending one — the former "Dexter" star will play the rock chanteuse at the center of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" on Broadway.

Producers of the Tony Award-winning musical revival said Monday that Hall will pull on a miniskirt and play the German transsexual Hedwig at the Belasco Theatre starting Oct. 16, through Jan. 4.

Hall will be taking over from Andrew Rannells, the Tony Award-nominated star of "The Book of Mormon" on Broadway and HBO's "Girls." Rannells, in turn, re-

placed Tony-winner and "How I Met Your Mother" star Neil Patrick Harris. Rannells ends his run Oct. 12.

Hall was one of an impressive quartet of actors on Broadway starring in Will Eno's play "The Realistic Joneses" this spring. The former Showtime sociopath joined Toni Collette, Marisa Tomei and Tracy Letts.

Hall has sung onstage before: He took over from Alan Cumming as the white-faced emcee in the last revival of "Cabaret," a part he played almost 500 times. Now he'll be rocking out tunes including "Sugar Daddy" and "Wicked Little Town" in platform heels.

In his first Broadway show,



In this Feb. 20, 2014 file image released by Starpix, Michael C. Hall at a press availability for the cast of the Broadway production "The Realistic Joneses," in New York.

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he was an understudy in David Hare's "Skylight" in 1996. His break-out roles — as a funeral director

on HBO's "Six Feet Under" and then "Dexter" — earned Hall Emmy Award nominations. □

Chicago actress dies after being struck by tree

CHICAGO (AP) — Molly Glynn, an accomplished Chicago theater actress who also played a recurring role as a doctor on the TV series "Chicago Fire," has died after a tree toppled by a powerful storm struck her as she rode her bike in a forest park. She was 46.

Glynn was with her husband, Joe Foust, when the storm rolled quickly into the area, just north of Chicago, the executive director of First Folio Theatre and a close family friend, David Rice, said Sunday.

"Molly was one of the most loving and generous people in the Chicago theater scene," he said. "She was incredibly talented — incredibly versatile. She could handle both comedy and the deepest, darkest dramas."

Glynn's husband called the emergency dispatcher just before 4 p.m. on Friday to say his wife had been injured, Cook County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Sophia Ansari said. North-Shore Evanston Hospital spokeswoman Colette Urban confirmed Glynn died Saturday.

Glynn had an audition earlier in the day Friday and she and her husband had decided to go for a ride. The inclement weather took them by surprise and the tree slammed into Glynn as the couple sought to ride to safety, Rice said. "It was a freak accident and a matter of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said. Others in the theater community in and around Chicago also expressed shock and sadness.

"It is an incalculable loss," said Michael Halberstam, the artistic director of the Glencoe-based Writers Theatre. "She was a loving mother and wife and everyone who met her fell in



This photo provided by Cathy Taylor Public Relations, Inc., shows Molly Glynn

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love with her."

Glynn grew up in Hartford, Connecticut, Rice said. In addition to her husband, she is also survived by two teenage sons.

Keith Richards' latest collaborator: his daughter

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — When Keith Richards started writing a children's book about his grandfather, he wanted to keep the project in the family — so he hired his daughter.

Theodora Dupree Richards provided illustration for "Gus & Me," out on Tuesday. The 29-year-old model visited the London home of Augustus Theodore Dupree — her great grandfather whom she was named after. Theodora also went through a number of family photos to find inspiration.

"People have said that I'm too sensitive to be on this Earth, but it was very emotional," she said. Her father was impressed with her work.

"I was quite amazed because immediately she wanted information and was questioning me about grandfather," he said. "She



This photo taken Aug. 27, 2014 shows presidential portraits, including this painting of George Washington by artist Gilbert Stuart from 1796, at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington.

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Famous George Washington painting to be restored

BRETT ZONGKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the most famous portraits

of George Washington will soon get a high-tech examination and face-lift of sorts with its first major con-

servation treatment in decades.

The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery has begun planning the conservation and digital analysis of the full-length "Lansdowne" portrait of the first U.S. president that was painted by Gilbert Stuart in 1796, museum officials told The Associated Press. The picture is considered the definitive portrait of Washington as president after earlier images in military uniform.

Work will begin in 2016 to delicately remove a yellowed varnish to reveal the original colors and details intended by the artist. The painting will remain on view until then. Once it's taken to a lab, conservators will use digital x-rays and infrared imagery for the first time to examine Stuart's work and changes he made beneath the painting's surface. Some of the work will be completed within view of the public.

"We are preserving this painting forever, for posterity, and at this point in its history, it needs some attention," said chief curator Brandon Brame Fortune. "It's still very, very stable. But we want to be sure our visitors are seeing it looking its absolute best."



This undated image released by Mindless Records shows Keith Richards, of The Rolling Stones, left, with his daughter Theodora Richards. "Gus & Me: The Story of My Granddad and My First Guitar," by Keith Richards and art by Theodora Richards.

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even went to the street where I was born and got the whole feel for it and all the places I had mentioned where he would take us for walks."

The book tells the story of Keith discovering the guitar thanks to Gus. The book is

the first project the Rolling Stones guitarist has completed with one of his four children.

"Dad was incredibly supportive and he let me do my own thing," Theodora said.

The Down Side Of Reclining



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I am trying to imagine how our national leaders would react if they got caught in a reclining airplane seat crisis. You know what I mean. If they were flying to some important meeting and the person in front flopped back into their personal space, crunching a laptop or bruising a knee. Obviously, this doesn't happen to real national leaders. Their airplanes have rooms, for heaven's sake. But if it did.

President Barack Obama would not yell. He would sigh a deep sigh. The atmosphere around him would grow very cold. More sighs. Time passes very slowly. John Boehner might yell, but he would not actually expect anyone to pay any attention.

It is possible that Hillary Clinton would not know the seat in front of her had reclined, since she is famous for being able to fall asleep at will. Nancy Pelosi's staff says she, too, is often conked out before the plane takes off. Perhaps this is a woman thing, but, speaking as a woman, I doubt it. Bill Clinton might simply regard the reclinee as a new listener who had entered his orbit unexpectedly and begin recounting a very long story.

Joe Biden: "Now that you're in my lap, would you mind taking a selfie?"

The reclining-seat debate has become a bit of an aviation crisis. We had three flight diversions in eight days recently because of it. The latest occurred this week when an elderly woman who was knitting dropped her seat back, bonking the woman sitting behind her, who had been resting her head on a tray table. You could see why the victim would be irked, but demanding that the pilot "put this plane down now" seems a bit much.

A flight from Miami to Paris wound up on the ground in Boston after a Frenchman took offense at being reclined upon. And then, of course, there was the United Airlines passenger who locked the seat in front of him into an upright position with a Knee Defender and got a glass of soda thrown in his face. Two weeks ago, most of us had no idea something called a Knee Defender existed, and now we have intense opinions about whether or not it should be legal. "I'd never heard of that product, but I think it's a crazy idea," said Rep. Rick Larsen of Washington.

Larsen is the lead Democrat on the House Aviation Subcommittee.

I think Washington needs to look into this. Americans want to know more about the airline recliner options, mainly because, at the moment, this is the only current affair that is not incredibly frightening or depressing. It could be the 2014 version of a feel-good public hearing. Yet no.

"While he's had his fair share of bruised knees and close quarters with his fellow passengers, congressman LoBiondo does not believe this is an issue for Congress to tackle," said a spokesman for Rep. Frank LoBiondo, the chairman of the House Aviation Subcommittee.

Well, maybe they'll have a hearing about the theft of the naked movie star pictures.

Members of Congress do sometimes fly coach. The ones who've been around for a while often move into perpetual upgrade territory because they've been on so many airplanes they reach frequent-flyer nirvana, like George Clooney in that movie. But most have their coach moments. Larsen says he definitely does not yell when somebody reclines into his space.

"In my job, I don't want to be the person who makes someone else mad on an airplane," he said. "No way."

We all know, of course, that air travel is extremely uncomfortable. That your average economy seat is now 17 inches wide and has about 31 inches of space before the one in front. That the flights are frequently jam-packed, that the air terminals generally have the ambience of a North Korean hotel and the comfort of a mammogram.

Nobody expects a tasty snack or space in the overhead compartment. The reclining seat is the last remaining marketing symbol of travel comfort.

"Sit back, relax and enjoy your flight" - I've been hearing that since I started doing this work," said Sara Nelson, the president of the Association of Flight Attendants.

Maybe the airlines should just admit the truth. Instead of telling the benumbed passengers about their flotation devices, maybe the announcer could warn them, at the beginning of their flight, that reclining their chairs will probably create discomfort for the person behind them and that they might want, at minimum, to go back gradually so the poor soul behind has a moment to adjust to the inevitable.

"We've not taken a position on that," said Jean Medina, a spokeswoman for an airline trade association.

Passengers might behave better if they were encouraged to abandon hope. Instead of "Welcome Aboard," the airlines could leave a message in the seat pockets: "Face it: You're going to be uncomfortable and wide-awake for the next several hours."

Unless you're Nancy Pelosi. □



The Body and The Spirit



DAVID BROOKS
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Like everyone, I was revolted by the beheadings of the American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff. It wasn't just that they had been killed - though that is horrendous enough - it was the monstrous way the deed was done.

I've been trying to understand why the act of beheading arouses this strong visceral response. Why does separating a head with a knife feel different from a shooting, or a bombing? Does this reaction contain some hidden intuitive wisdom, or is it just a blind prejudice?

First, a beheading feels different because it reveals something about the minds of the killers. The journalist Lance Morrow once wrote that "evil is often happiest when it operates in the autonomy of the gratuitous." By going beneath the minimal standards of modern civilization, the militants of the Islamic State group get to show contempt for us and our morality. They get to deny the slightest acknowledgment of our common humanity. They can take the bully's maximum relish in their power over the weak and innocent. The purpose of terrorism is to terrorize, and the Islamic State means to show violence unbounded; the Islamic State will get inside our heads in the darkest way.

Second, a beheading reminds us of something disturbing in ourselves. We want to watch, and we don't want to watch. Because of some warp in human nature, millions of people will go online to watch a beheading video though they might not even read about a simple shooting. But the revulsion aroused by beheading is mostly a moral revulsion. A beheading feels like a defilement. It's not just an injury or a crime. It is an indignity. A beheading is more like rape, castration or cannibalism. It is a defacement of something sacred that should be inviolable.

But what is this sacred thing that is being violated?

Well, the human body is sacred. Most of us understand, even if we don't think about it, or have a vocabulary to talk about it these days, that the human body is not just a piece of meat or a bunch of neurons and cells. The human body has a different moral status than a cow's body or a piece of broccoli.

We're repulsed by a beheading because the body has a spiritual essence. The human head and body don't just live and pass along genes. They paint, make ethical judgments, savor the beauty of a sunset and experience the transcendent. The body is material but surpasses the material. It's spiritualized matter.

This infusion of the spiritual and the material is mysterious. Some Jews use the concept of *tzimtzum*, or "contraction," to describe the mixing of the finite and the infinite. Christians have the larger concept of incarnation. Most of us, religious or secular, have some instinctive sense that there is a ghost infused in the machine. And because the human body is a transcendent temple it is worthy of respect. It is offensive to treat it the way you would treat an inanimate object. Even after a person is dead, the body still carries the residue

of this presence and deserves dignified handling.

Because we have this instinctive sense, we feel elevated when we see behavior that fuses the physical and spiritual. We feel elevated when sex is not only physical pleasure but also communication and spiritual union. We feel elevated when we read about the Jewish rituals of *tahara*, when members of a synagogue tenderly wash the body of a congregant who has died. We feel repulsed - a little or a lot - when the body's spiritual nature is gratuitously and intentionally insulted.

Our revulsion makes us different from the religious zealots who are prone to commit or celebrate acts like beheadings. The zealots often hew to a fringe of their faith that holds that the spirit and the body are at war with each other. They have a tendency to extreme asceticism, to seek to deny themselves pleasures of the living world, to celebrate the next world at the expense of this world, to oscillate between masochistic self-flagellation, when they think they have been sensual, and bouts of arrogant spiritual pride, when they convince themselves they have risen above the senses. It doesn't matter to them what they do to their enemy's body, because this physical reality is not important.

If the Islamic State is to be stopped, there will probably have to be some sort of political and military coalition. But, ultimately, the Islamists are a spiritual movement that will have to be surmounted by a superior version of Islam. The truest version of each Abrahamic faith reveals in the genuine goodness of creation. These are faiths that love the material world, especially the body. They're faiths that understand that the high and the low yearn for each other, and that every human body has some piece of the eternal, even if you're fighting against him. □



Prince William and Catherine, the Duchess of Cambridge, with Prince George, 1, at the Natural History Museum in London. Britain's royal family announced Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, that the Duchess of Cambridge is pregnant with her second child, news that is likely to offset a period of introspection over Britain's future.

(John Stillwell/Pool via The New York Times)

Prince William and Kate, Expecting 2nd Royal Baby

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LONDON - Britain's royal family announced on Monday that the Duchess of Cambridge, the former Kate Middleton, is pregnant with her second child, news that is likely to offer a respite from uncertainty and introspection over Britain's future.

The duchess and Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, who is second in line to the British throne, have a son, George, whose birth last year was chronicled in exhaustive and mesmerizing detail by news organizations from across the globe. To judge from the reaction on social media and news websites, the announcement of the second preg-

nancy seemed destined for similar treatment.

"George is going to be a big brother," the Daily Mirror tabloid declared, offering to explain "why royal baby number 2 could be a tearaway."

On its website, the Daily Mail promised insights into the "world of a new royal baby: A nursery fit for a prince (or princess), a country home in Norfolk and a big brother who will one day be king."

A royal announcement said the duke and duchess, both 32, were "delighted," although the duchess was said to be undergoing treatment by physicians for acute morning sickness. Her first pregnancy was also marked by the same

condition, known in medical terms as hyperemesis gravidarum.

On Monday, she canceled a planned engagement with her husband in the university city of Oxford, west of London, where the couple had been set to inaugurate a center for the study of China. She had also been scheduled to join her husband and her brother-in-law, Prince Harry, later this week at a sporting event for military service personnel recovering from injury and sickness.

The announcement came as Britons confronted an array of charged issues, including a potential threat from British jihadists in the Middle East, the future of the union with Scotland - to

be decided in a referendum next week - and the broader questions of their country's relationship with Europe and its place in the world as a post-imperial power.

Against those imponderables, the idea of a royal birth - like royal weddings - offers the nation a chance to revive its fascination with the House of Windsor, whose popularity plummeted after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in 1997, but has rebounded dramatically since then.

Seizing the moment on Monday, Prime Minister David Cameron offered "many congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. I'm delighted by the happy news that

they're expecting another baby."

Pointedly, the Scottish prime minister, Alex Salmond, who is campaigning for Scotland to break away from its 307-year union with England, used the royal couple's Scottish title, Earl & Countess of Strathearn, in a congratulatory message on Twitter.

The Scottish title dates to the 14th century, according to the royal website.

The announcement came two months after the couple's first child, Prince George, marked his first birthday in July, but it did not say when the baby was expected. British news reports said the duchess's pregnancy had not passed the 12-week stage. □